

before making an investment in any of the offered certificates. Moreover, each Plan fiduciary is encouraged to determine whether, under the general fiduciary standards of investment prudence and diversification, an investment in any of the offered certificates is appropriate for the Plan, taking into account the overall investment policy of the Plan and the composition of the Plan's investment portfolio.

The sale of certificates to a Plan is in no respect a representation by the issuer or any underwriter of the certificates that this investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans generally or any particular Plan, or that this investment is appropriate for Plans generally or any particular Plan.

ERISA Considerations With Respect to the Corridor Contract

For so long as the holder of a Class 1-A-1 Certificate is entitled to receive payments under the Corridor Contract from the supplemental interest trust, any person purchasing a Class 1-A-1 Certificate otherwise eligible for purchase by Plans under the Exemption will be deemed to have acquired for purposes of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code two assets: the right to receive payments from the Trust Fund with respect to such Certificate without taking into account the right to receive payments from the supplemental interest trust, together with the right to receive payments from the supplemental interest trust. The Exemption may not apply to the acquisition, holding or resale of the right to receive payments from the supplemental interest trust by a Plan. The right to receive such payments could also result in a prohibited transaction if the Corridor Contract Counterparty is a party in interest with respect to such Plan, unless another administrative exemption is available.

Accordingly, no Plan or other person using assets of a Plan may acquire or hold a Class 1-A-1 Certificate otherwise eligible for the Exemption before the termination of the related Corridor Contract, unless such acquisition or holding is eligible for the exemptive relief available under Department of Labor Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84-14 (for transactions by independent "qualified professional asset managers"), 91-38 (for transactions by bank collective investment funds), 90-1 (for transactions by insurance company pooled separate accounts), 95-60 (for transactions by insurance company general accounts) or 96-23 (for transactions effected by "in-house asset managers"). Plan fiduciaries should consult their legal counsel concerning this issue. Each beneficial owner of a Class 1-A-1 Certificate or any interest therein, shall be deemed to have represented, by virtue of its acquisition or holding of the Class 1-A-1 Certificate, or interest therein, that either (i) it is not a Plan or (ii) the acquisition and holding of such Certificate are eligible for the exemptive relief available under one of the five prohibited transaction class exemptions as required immediately above.

If any Class 1-A-1 Certificate, or any interest therein, is acquired or held in violation of the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the next preceding permitted beneficial owner will be treated as the beneficial owner of that Class 1-A-1 Certificate, retroactive to the date of transfer to the purported beneficial owner. Any purported beneficial owner whose acquisition or holding of a Class 1-A-1 Certificate, or interest therein, was effected in violation of the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall indemnify to the extent permitted by law and hold harmless the trustee, the depositor, the sellers and the master servicer from and against any and all liabilities, claims, costs or expenses incurred by such parties as a result of such acquisition or holding.

Method of Distribution

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement between the depositor and Countrywide Securities Corporation, an affiliate of the depositor, the sellers and the master servicer ("CSC" or the "underwriter"), the depositor has agreed to sell the offered certificates to the underwriter. CSC has agreed to purchase from the depositor the offered certificates (the "Underwritten Certificates").

Distribution of the Underwritten Certificates will be made by the underwriter from time to time in negotiated transactions or otherwise at varying prices to be determined at the time of sale. The underwriter may effect such transactions by selling the Underwritten Certificates to or through dealers and such dealers may receive from the underwriter, for which they act as agent, compensation in the form of underwriting discounts, concessions or commissions. The underwriter and any dealers that participate with the underwriter in the distribution of the Underwritten Certificates may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts, commissions or concessions received by them, and any profits on resale of the Underwritten Certificates purchased by them, may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The depositor has been advised by the underwriter that it intends to make a market in the Underwritten Certificates purchased by it but the underwriter has no obligation to do so. There can be no assurance that a secondary market for the Underwritten Certificates will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue or that it will provide certificateholders with a sufficient level of liquidity of investment.

The depositor has agreed to indemnify the underwriter against, or make contributions to the underwriter with respect to, liabilities, customarily indemnified against, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Legal Matters

The validity of the certificates, including their material federal income tax consequences, will be passed upon for the depositor by Sidley Austin LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriter by McKee Nelson LLP.

Ratings

It is a condition to the issuance of the senior certificates that they be rated AAA by Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P") and Aaa by Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"). The depositor has requested that S&P and Fitch maintain ongoing surveillance of the ratings assigned to the offered certificates in accordance with their respective policies, but we cannot assure you that either S&P or Fitch will continue its surveillance of the ratings assigned to the offered certificates.

The ratings assigned by S&P to mortgage pass-through certificates address the likelihood of the receipt of all distributions on the mortgage loans by the related certificateholders under the agreements pursuant to which the certificates are issued. S&P's ratings take into consideration the credit quality of the related mortgage pool, including any credit support providers, structural and legal aspects associated with the certificates, and the extent to which the payment stream on the mortgage pool is adequate to make the payments required by the certificates. The rating assigned by S&P to the notional amount certificates does not address whether investors will recoup their initial investment. The rating assigned by S&P to the Class PO Certificates only addresses the return of its Class Certificate Balance. The rating assigned by S&P to the Class A-R Certificates only addresses the return of its Class Certificate Balance and interest thereon at its pass-through rate. The ratings assigned by S&P to the Senior Certificates do not address any payments made pursuant to the Corridor Contract.

The ratings assigned by Fitch to mortgage pass-through certificates address the likelihood of the receipt of all distributions on the mortgage loans by the related certificateholders under the agreements pursuant to which the certificates are issued. Fitch's ratings take into consideration the credit quality of the related mortgage pool, including any credit support providers, structural and legal aspects associated with the certificates, and the extent to which the payment stream on the mortgage pool is adequate to make the payments required by the certificates. The rating assigned by Fitch to the notional amount

certificates does not address whether investors will recoup their initial investment. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Class PO Certificates only addresses the return of its Class Certificate Balance. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Class A-R Certificates only addresses the return of its Class Certificate Balance and interest thereon at its pass-through rate. The rating assigned by Fitch to the Senior Certificates does not address any payments made pursuant to the Corridor Contract.

The ratings of the rating agencies listed above do not address the possibility that, as a result of principal prepayments, certificateholders may receive a lower than anticipated yield.

The security ratings assigned to the offered certificates should be evaluated independently from similar ratings on other types of securities. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies.

The depositor has not requested a rating of the offered certificates by any rating agency other than the rating agencies listed above; there can be no assurance, however, as to whether any other rating agency will rate the offered certificates or, if it does, what rating would be assigned by the other rating agency. The ratings assigned by the other rating agency to the offered certificates could be lower than the respective ratings assigned by the rating agencies listed above.

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PROSPECTUS

CWALT, INC.

Depositor

Mortgage Backed Securities (Issuable in Series)

Please carefully consider our discussion of some of the risks of investing in the securities under “Risk Factors” beginning on page 2.

The securities will represent obligations of the related trust fund only and will not represent an interest in or obligation of CWALT, Inc., any seller, servicer, or any of their affiliates.

The Trusts

Each trust will be established to hold assets in its trust fund transferred to it by CWALT, Inc. The assets in each trust fund will be specified in the prospectus supplement for the particular trust and will generally consist of:

- first lien mortgage loans secured by one- to four-family residential properties;
- mortgage loans secured by first liens on small multifamily residential properties, such as rental apartment buildings or projects containing five to fifty residential units;
- collections arising from one or more types of the loans described above which are not used to make payments on securities issued by a trust fund, including excess servicing fees and prepayment charges;
- mortgage pass-through securities issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac; or
- mortgage-backed securities evidencing an interest in, or secured by, loans of the type that would otherwise be eligible to be loans included in a trust fund and issued by entities other than Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

The Securities

CWALT, Inc. will sell either certificates or notes pursuant to a prospectus supplement. The securities will be grouped into one or more series, each having its own distinct designation. Each series will be issued in one or more classes and each class will evidence beneficial ownership of (in the case of certificates) or a right to receive payments supported by (in the case of notes) a specified portion of future payments on the assets in the trust fund that the series relates to. A prospectus supplement for a series will specify all of the terms of the series and of each of the classes in the series.

Credit Enhancement

If the securities have any type of credit enhancement, the prospectus supplement for the related series will describe the credit enhancement. The types of credit enhancement are generally described in this prospectus.

Offers of Securities

The securities may be offered through several different methods, including offerings through underwriters.

These securities have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission nor has the Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities commission passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

March 27, 2006

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**Important Notice About Information in This Prospectus and Each
Accompanying Prospectus Supplement**

Information about each series of securities is contained in two separate documents:

- this prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to a particular series; and
- the accompanying prospectus supplement for a particular series, which describes the specific terms of the securities of that series.

The prospectus supplement will contain information about a particular series that supplements the information contained in this prospectus, and you should rely on that supplementary information in the prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement.

If you require additional information, the mailing address of our principal executive offices is CWALT, Inc., 4500 Park Granada, Calabasas, California 91302 and the telephone number is (818) 225-3000. For other means of acquiring additional information about us or a series of securities, see “The Trust Fund — Available Information” and “— Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference; Reports Filed with the SEC” beginning on page 23.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the following information since it identifies significant risks associated with an investment in the securities.

Limited Source Of Payments — No Recourse To Sellers, Depositor Or Servicer

The applicable prospectus supplement may provide that securities will be payable from other trust funds in addition to their associated trust fund, but if it does not, they will be payable solely from their associated trust fund. If the trust fund does not have sufficient assets to distribute the full amount due to you as a securityholder, your yield will be impaired, and perhaps even the return of your principal may be impaired, without your having recourse to anyone else. Furthermore, at the times specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, certain assets of the trust fund may be released and paid out to other people, such as the depositor, a servicer, a credit enhancement provider, or any other person entitled to payments from the trust fund. Those assets will no longer be available to make payments to you. Those payments are generally made after other specified payments that may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement have been made.

You will not have any recourse against the depositor or any servicer if you do not receive a required distribution on the securities. Nor will you have recourse against the assets of the trust fund of any other series of securities.

The securities will not represent an interest in the depositor, any servicer, any seller to the depositor, or anyone else except the trust fund. The only obligation of the depositor to a trust fund comes from certain representations and warranties made by it about assets transferred to the trust fund. If these representations and warranties turn out to be untrue, the depositor may be required to repurchase some of the transferred assets. CWALT, Inc., which is the depositor, does not have significant assets and is unlikely to have significant assets in the future. So if the depositor were required to repurchase a loan because of a breach of a representation, its only sources of funds for the repurchase would be:

- funds obtained from enforcing a corresponding obligation of a seller or originator of the loan, or
- funds from a reserve fund or similar credit enhancement established to pay for loan repurchases.

The only obligations of the master servicer to a trust fund (other than its master servicing obligations) comes from certain representations and warranties made by it in connection with its loan servicing activities. If these representations and warranties turn out to be untrue, the master servicer may be required to repurchase or substitute for some of the loans. However, the master servicer may not have the financial ability to make the required repurchase or substitution.

The only obligations to a trust fund of a seller of loans to the depositor comes from certain representations and warranties made by it in connection with its sale of the loans and certain document delivery requirements. If these representations and warranties turn out to be untrue, or the seller fails to deliver required documents, it may be

required to repurchase or substitute for some of the loans. However, the seller may not have the financial ability to make the required repurchase or substitution.

Credit Enhancement May Not Be Sufficient To Protect You From Losses

Credit enhancement is intended to reduce the effect of loan losses. But credit enhancements may benefit only some classes of a series of securities and the amount of any credit enhancement will be limited as described in the related prospectus supplement. Furthermore, the amount of a credit enhancement may decline over time pursuant to a schedule or formula or otherwise, and could be depleted from payments or for other reasons before the securities covered by the credit enhancement are paid in full. In addition, a credit enhancement may not cover all potential sources of loss. For example, a credit enhancement may or may not cover fraud or negligence by a loan originator or other parties. Also, all or a portion of the credit enhancement may be reduced, substituted for, or even eliminated so long as the rating agencies rating the securities indicate that the change in credit enhancement would not cause them to change adversely their rating of the securities. Consequently, securityholders may suffer losses even though a credit enhancement exists and its provider does not default.

Nature Of Mortgages

Cooperative Loans May Experience Relatively Higher Losses

Cooperative loans are evidenced by promissory notes secured by security interests in shares issued by private corporations that are entitled to be treated as housing cooperatives under the Internal Revenue Code and in the related proprietary leases or occupancy agreements granting exclusive rights to occupy specific dwelling units in the corporations' buildings.

If there is a blanket mortgage (or mortgages) on the cooperative apartment building and/or underlying land, as is generally the case, the cooperative, as property borrower, is responsible for meeting these mortgage or rental obligations. If the cooperative is unable to meet the payment obligations arising under a blanket mortgage, the mortgagee holding a blanket mortgage could foreclose on that mortgage and terminate all subordinate proprietary leases and occupancy agreements. A foreclosure by the holder of a blanket mortgage could eliminate or significantly diminish the value of any collateral held by the lender who financed an individual tenant-stockholder of cooperative shares or, in the case of the mortgage loans, the collateral securing the cooperative loans.

If there is an underlying lease of the land, as is the case in some instances, the cooperative is responsible for meeting the related rental obligations. If the cooperative is unable to meet its obligations arising under its land lease, the holder of the land lease could terminate the land lease and all subordinate proprietary leases and occupancy agreements. The termination of the land lease by its holder could eliminate or significantly diminish the value of any collateral held by the lender who financed an individual tenant-stockholder of the cooperative shares or, in the case of the mortgage loans, the collateral securing the cooperative loans. A land lease also has an expiration date and the inability of the cooperative to extend its term or, in the alternative, to purchase the land could lead to termination of the cooperative's interest in the property and termination of all proprietary leases and occupancy agreements which could eliminate or significantly diminish the value of the related collateral.

In addition, if the corporation issuing the shares related to the cooperative loans fails to qualify as a cooperative housing corporation under the Internal Revenue Code, the value of the collateral securing the cooperative loan could be significantly impaired because the tenant-stockholders would not be permitted to deduct its proportionate share of certain interest expenses and real estate taxes of the corporation.

The cooperative shares and proprietary lease or occupancy agreement pledged to the lender are, in almost all cases, subject to restrictions on transfer, including obtaining the consent of the cooperative housing corporation prior to the transfer, which may impair the value of the collateral after a default by the borrower due to an inability to find a transferee acceptable to the related housing corporation.

Declines in Property Values May Adversely Affect You

The value of the properties underlying the loans held in the trust fund may decline over time. Among the factors that could adversely affect the value of the properties are:

- an overall decline in the residential real estate market in the areas in which they are located,
- a decline in their general condition from the failure of borrowers to maintain their property adequately, and
- natural disasters that are not covered by insurance, such as earthquakes and floods.

If property values decline, the actual rates of delinquencies, foreclosures, and losses on all underlying loans could be higher than those currently experienced in the mortgage lending industry in general. These losses, to the extent not otherwise covered by a credit enhancement, will be borne by the holder of one or more classes of securities.

Delays in Liquidation May Adversely Affect You

Even if the properties underlying the loans held in the trust fund provide adequate security for the loans, substantial delays could occur before defaulted loans are liquidated and their proceeds are forwarded to investors. Property foreclosure actions are regulated by state statutes and rules and are subject to many of the delays and expenses of other lawsuits if defenses or counterclaims are made, sometimes requiring several years to complete. Furthermore, an action to obtain a deficiency judgment is regulated by statutes and rules, and the amount or availability of a deficiency judgment may be limited by law. In the event of a default by a borrower, these restrictions may impede the ability of the servicer to foreclose on or to sell the mortgaged property or to obtain a deficiency judgment, to obtain sufficient proceeds to repay the loan in full.

In addition, the servicer will be entitled to deduct from liquidation proceeds all expenses reasonably incurred in attempting to recover on the defaulted loan, including legal and appraisal fees and costs, real estate taxes, and property maintenance and preservation expenses.

In the event that:

- the mortgaged properties fail to provide adequate security for the related loans,

- if applicable to a series as specified in the related prospectus supplement, excess cashflow (if any) and overcollateralization (if any) is insufficient to cover these shortfalls,
- if applicable to a series as specified in the related prospectus supplement, the subordination of certain classes are insufficient to cover these shortfalls, and
- with respect to the securities with the benefit of an insurance policy as specified in the related prospectus supplement, the credit enhancement provider fails to make the required payments under the related insurance policies,

you could lose all or a portion of the money you paid for the securities and could also have a lower yield than anticipated at the time you purchased the securities.

*Disproportionate Effect of
Liquidation Expenses May
Adversely Affect You*

Liquidation expenses of defaulted loans generally do not vary directly with the outstanding principal balance of the loan at the time of default. Therefore, if a servicer takes the same steps for a defaulted loan having a small remaining principal balance as it does for a defaulted loan having a large remaining principal balance, the amount realized after expenses is smaller as a percentage of the outstanding principal balance of the small loan than it is for the defaulted loan having a large remaining principal balance.

*Consumer Protection Laws May
Adversely Affect You*

Federal, state and local laws extensively regulate various aspects of brokering, originating, servicing and collecting loans secured by consumers' dwellings. Among other things, these laws may regulate interest rates and other charges, require disclosures, impose financial privacy requirements, mandate specific business practices, and prohibit unfair and deceptive trade practices. In addition, licensing requirements may be imposed on persons that broker, originate, service or collect loans secured by consumers' dwellings.

Additional requirements may be imposed under federal, state or local laws on so-called "high cost mortgage loans," which typically are defined as loans secured by a consumer's dwelling that have interest rates or origination costs in excess of prescribed levels. These laws may limit certain loan terms, such as prepayment charges, or the ability of a creditor to refinance a loan unless it is in the borrower's interest. In addition, certain of these laws may allow claims against loan brokers or originators, including claims based on fraud or misrepresentations, to be asserted against persons acquiring the loans, such as the trust fund.

The federal laws that may apply to loans held in the trust fund include the following:

- the Truth in Lending Act and its regulations, which (among other things) require disclosures to borrowers regarding the terms of loans and provide consumers who pledged their principal dwelling as collateral in a non-purchase money transaction with a right of rescission that generally extends for three days after proper disclosures are given;

- the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act and its regulations, which (among other things) imposes additional disclosure requirements and limitations on loan terms with respect to non-purchase money, installment loans secured by the consumer's principal dwelling that have interest rates or origination costs in excess of prescribed levels;
- the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and its regulations, which (among other things) prohibit the payment of referral fees for real estate settlement services (including mortgage lending and brokerage services) and regulate escrow accounts for taxes and insurance and billing inquiries made by borrowers;
- the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and its regulations, which (among other things) generally prohibit discrimination in any aspect of a credit transaction on certain enumerated basis, such as age, race, color, sex, religion, marital status, national origin or receipt of public assistance; and
- the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which (among other things) regulates the use of consumer reports obtained from consumer reporting agencies and the reporting of payment histories to consumer reporting agencies.

The penalties for violating these federal, state, or local laws vary depending on the applicable law and the particular facts of the situation. However, private plaintiffs typically may assert claims for actual damages and, in some cases, also may recover civil money penalties or exercise a right to rescind the loan. Violations of certain laws may limit the ability to collect all or part of the principal or interest on a loan and, in some cases, borrowers even may be entitled to a refund of amounts previously paid. Federal, state and local administrative or law enforcement agencies also may be entitled to bring legal actions, including actions for civil money penalties or restitution, for violations of certain of these laws.

Depending on the particular alleged misconduct, it is possible that claims may be asserted against various participants in secondary market transactions, including assignees that hold the loans, such as the trust fund. Losses on loans from the application of these federal, state and local laws that are not otherwise covered by one or more forms of credit enhancement will be borne by the holders of one or more classes of securities. Additionally, the trust may experience losses arising from lawsuits related to alleged violations of these laws, which, if not covered by one or more forms of credit enhancement or the related seller, will be borne by the holders of one or more classes of securities.

*Losses on Balloon Payment
Mortgages Are Borne by You*

Some of the mortgage loans held in the trust fund may not be fully amortizing over their terms to maturity and, thus, will require substantial principal payments (that is, balloon payments) at their stated maturity. Loans with balloon payments involve a greater degree of risk than fully amortizing loans because typically the borrower must be able to refinance the loan or sell the property to make the balloon payment at maturity. The ability of a borrower to do this will depend on factors such as mortgage rates at the time of sale or refinancing, the borrower's equity in

Your Risk Of Loss May Be Higher Than You Expect If Your Securities Are Backed By Multifamily Loans

the property, the relative strength of the local housing market, the financial condition of the borrower, and tax laws. Losses on these loans that are not otherwise covered by a credit enhancement will be borne by the holders of one or more classes of securities.

Multifamily lending may expose the lender to a greater risk of loss than single family residential lending. Owners of multifamily residential properties rely on monthly lease payments from tenants to

- pay for maintenance and other operating expenses of those properties,
- fund capital improvements, and
- service any mortgage loan and any other debt that may be secured by those properties.

Various factors, many of which are beyond the control of the owner or operator of a multifamily property, may affect the economic viability of that property.

Changes in payment patterns by tenants may result from a variety of social, legal and economic factors. Economic factors include the rate of inflation, unemployment levels and relative rates offered for various types of housing. Shifts in economic factors may trigger changes in payment patterns including increased risks of defaults by tenants and higher vacancy rates. Adverse economic conditions, either local or national, may limit the amount of rent that can be charged and may result in a reduction in timely lease payments or a reduction in occupancy levels. Occupancy and rent levels may also be affected by construction of additional housing units, competition and local politics, including rent stabilization or rent control laws and policies. In addition, the level of mortgage interest rates may encourage tenants to purchase single family housing. We are unable to determine and have no basis to predict whether, or to what extent, economic, legal or social factors will affect future rental or payment patterns.

The location and construction quality of a particular building may affect the occupancy level as well as the rents that may be charged for individual units. The characteristics of a neighborhood may change over time or in relation to newer developments. The effects of poor construction quality will increase over time in the form of increased maintenance and capital improvements. Even good construction will deteriorate over time if adequate maintenance is not performed in a timely fashion.

Impact Of World Events

The economic impact of the United States' military operations in Iraq and other parts of the world, as well as the possibility of any terrorist attacks domestically or abroad, is uncertain, but could have a material effect on general economic conditions, consumer confidence, and market liquidity. We can give no assurance as to the effect of these events on consumer confidence and the performance of the loans held by trust fund. Any adverse impact resulting from these events would be borne by the holders of one or more classes of the securities.

United States military operations also increase the likelihood of shortfalls under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act or similar state laws (referred to as the “Relief Act”). The Relief Act provides relief to borrowers who enter active military service and to borrowers in reserve status who are called to active duty after the origination of their loan. The Relief Act provides generally that these borrowers may not be charged interest on a loan in excess of 6% per annum during the period of the borrower’s active duty. These shortfalls are not required to be paid by the borrower at any future time and will not be advanced by the servicer, unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement. To the extent these shortfalls reduce the amount of interest paid to the holders of securities with the benefit of an insurance policy, unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, they will not be covered by the related insurance policy. In addition, the Relief Act imposes limitations that would impair the ability of the servicer to foreclose on an affected loan during the borrower’s period of active duty status, and, under some circumstances, during an additional period thereafter.

You Could Be Adversely Affected By Violations Of Environmental Laws

Federal, state, and local laws and regulations impose a wide range of requirements on activities that may affect the environment, health, and safety. In certain circumstances, these laws and regulations impose obligations on “owners” or “operators” of residential properties such as those that secure the loans held in the trust fund. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations can result in fines and penalties that could be assessed against the trust if it were to be considered an “owner” or “operator” of the related property. A property “owner” or “operator” can also be held liable for the cost of investigating and remediating contamination, regardless of fault, and for personal injury or property damage arising from exposure to contaminants.

In some states, a lien on the property due to contamination has priority over the lien of an existing mortgage. Also, a mortgage lender may be held liable as an “owner” or “operator” for costs associated with the release of hazardous substances from a site, or petroleum from an underground storage tank under certain circumstances. If the trust were to be considered the “owner” or “operator” of a property, it will suffer losses as a result of any liability imposed for environmental hazards on the property.

Ratings Of The Securities Do Not Assure Their Payment

Any class of securities issued under this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement will be rated in one of the rating categories which signifies investment grade by at least one nationally recognized rating agency. A rating is based on the adequacy of the value of the trust assets and any credit enhancement for that class, and reflects the rating agency’s assessment of how likely it is that holders of the class of securities will receive the payments to which they are entitled. A rating does not constitute an assessment of how likely it is that principal prepayments on the underlying loans will be made, the degree to which the rate of prepayments might differ from that originally anticipated, or the likelihood that the securities will be redeemed early. A rating is not a recommendation to purchase, hold, or sell securities because it does not address the market price of the securities or the suitability of the securities for any particular investor.

A rating may not remain in effect for any given period of time and the rating agency could lower or withdraw the rating entirely in the future. For example, the rating agency could lower or withdraw its rating due to:

- a decrease in the adequacy of the value of the trust assets or any related credit enhancement,
- an adverse change in the financial or other condition of a credit enhancement provider, or
- a change in the rating of the credit enhancement provider's long-term debt.

The amount, type, and nature of credit enhancement established for a class of securities will be determined on the basis of criteria established by each rating agency rating classes of the securities. These criteria are sometimes based upon an actuarial analysis of the behavior of similar loans in a larger group. That analysis is often the basis upon which each rating agency determines the amount of credit enhancement required for a class. The historical data supporting any actuarial analysis may not accurately reflect future experience, and the data derived from a large pool of similar loans may not accurately predict the delinquency, foreclosure, or loss experience of any particular pool of mortgage loans. Mortgaged properties may not retain their values. If residential real estate markets experience an overall decline in property values such that the outstanding principal balances of the loans held in a particular trust fund and any secondary financing on the related mortgaged properties become equal to or greater than the value of the mortgaged properties, the rates of delinquencies, foreclosures, and losses could be higher than those now generally experienced in the mortgage lending industry. In addition, adverse economic conditions may affect timely payment by mortgagors on their loans whether or not the conditions affect real property values and, accordingly, the rates of delinquencies, foreclosures, and losses in any trust fund. Losses from this that are not covered by a credit enhancement will be borne, at least in part, by the holders of one or more classes of securities.

Book-Entry Registration

Limit on Liquidity

Securities issued in book-entry form may have only limited liquidity in the resale market, since investors may be unwilling to purchase securities for which they cannot obtain physical instruments.

Limit on Ability to Transfer or Pledge

Transactions in book-entry securities can be effected only through The Depository Trust Company, its participating organizations, its indirect participants, and certain banks. Therefore, your ability to transfer or pledge securities issued in book-entry form may be limited.

Delays in Distributions

You may experience some delay in the receipt of distributions on book-entry securities since the distributions will be forwarded by the trustee to The Depository Trust Company for it to credit the accounts of its participants. In turn, these participants will then credit the distributions to your account either directly or indirectly through indirect participants.

Secondary Market For The Securities May Not Exist

The related prospectus supplement for each series will specify the classes in which the underwriter intends to make a secondary market, but no underwriter will have any obligation to do so. We can give no assurance

that a secondary market for the securities will develop or, if it develops, that it will continue. Consequently, you may not be able to sell your securities readily or at prices that will enable you to realize your desired yield. The market values of the securities are likely to fluctuate. Fluctuations may be significant and could result in significant losses to you.

The secondary markets for mortgage backed securities have experienced periods of illiquidity and can be expected to do so in the future. Illiquidity can have a severely adverse effect on the prices of securities that are especially sensitive to prepayment, credit or interest rate risk, or that have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors.

**Bankruptcy Or Insolvency May
Affect The Timing And Amount Of
Distributions On The Securities**

Each seller and the depositor will take steps to structure the transfer of the loans held in the trust fund by the seller to the depositor as a sale. The depositor and the trust fund will take steps to structure the transfer of the loans from the depositor to the trust fund as a sale. If these characterizations are correct, then if the seller were to become bankrupt, the loans would not be part of the seller's bankruptcy estate and would not be available to the seller's creditors. On the other hand, if the seller becomes bankrupt, its bankruptcy trustee or one of its creditors may attempt to recharacterize the sale of the loans as a borrowing by the seller, secured by a pledge of the loans. Presenting this position to a bankruptcy court could prevent timely payments on the securities and even reduce the payments on the securities. Additionally, if that argument is successful, the bankruptcy trustee could elect to sell the loans and pay down the securities early. Thus, you could lose the right to future payments of interest, and might suffer reinvestment losses in a lower interest rate environment.

Similarly, if the characterizations of the transfers as sales are correct, then if the depositor were to become bankrupt, the loans would not be part of the depositor's bankruptcy estate and would not be available to the depositor's creditors. On the other hand, if the depositor becomes bankrupt, its bankruptcy trustee or one of its creditors may attempt to recharacterize the sale of the loans as a borrowing by the depositor, secured by a pledge of the loans. Presenting this position to a bankruptcy court could prevent timely payments on the securities and even reduce the payments on the securities.

If the master servicer becomes bankrupt, the bankruptcy trustee may have the power to prevent the appointment of a successor master servicer. Any related delays in servicing could result in increased delinquencies or losses on the loans. The period during which cash collections may be commingled with the master servicer's own funds before each distribution date for securities will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement. If the master servicer becomes bankrupt and cash collections have been commingled with the master servicer's own funds, the trust fund will likely not have a perfected interest in those collections. In this case the trust might be an unsecured creditor of the master servicer as to the commingled funds and could recover only its share as a general creditor, which might be nothing. Collections that are not commingled but still in an account of the master servicer might also be included in the bankruptcy estate of the master servicer even though the trust may have a perfected security interest in them. Their inclusion

in the bankruptcy estate of the master servicer may result in delays in payment and failure to pay amounts due on the securities.

Federal and state statutory provisions affording protection or relief to distressed borrowers may affect the ability of the secured mortgage lender to realize upon its security in other situations as well. For example, in a proceeding under the federal Bankruptcy Code, a lender may not foreclose on a mortgaged property without the permission of the bankruptcy court. And in certain instances a bankruptcy court may allow a borrower to reduce the monthly payments, change the rate of interest, and alter the mortgage loan repayment schedule for under-collateralized mortgage loans. The effect of these types of proceedings can be to cause delays in receiving payments on the loans underlying securities and even to reduce the aggregate amount of payments on the loans underlying securities.

**The Principal Amount Of Securities
May Exceed The Market Value Of
The Trust Fund Assets**

The market value of the assets relating to a series of securities at any time may be less than the principal amount of the securities of that series then outstanding, plus accrued interest. In the case of a series of notes, after an event of default and a sale of the assets relating to a series of securities, the trustee, the master servicer, the credit enhancer, if any, and any other service provider specified in the related prospectus supplement generally will be entitled to receive the proceeds of that sale to the extent of unpaid fees and other amounts owing to them under the related transaction document prior to distributions to securityholders. Upon any sale of the assets in connection with an event of default, the proceeds may be insufficient to pay in full the principal of and interest on the securities of the related series.

Certain capitalized terms are used in this prospectus to assist you in understanding the terms of the securities. The capitalized terms used in this prospectus are defined on the pages indicated under the caption "Index to Defined Terms" beginning on page 105.

The Trust Fund

General

The securities of each series will represent interests in the assets of the related trust fund, and the notes of each series will be secured by the pledge of the assets of the related trust fund. The trust fund for each series will be held by the trustee for the benefit of the related securityholders. Each trust fund will consist of the trust fund assets (the “Trust Fund Assets”) consisting of:

- a pool comprised of loans as specified in the related prospectus supplement, together with payments relating to those loans as specified in the related prospectus supplement;
- a pool comprised of collections arising from one or more types of loans that would otherwise be eligible to be loans included in a trust fund;
- mortgage pass-through securities (the “Agency Securities”) issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac or
- other mortgage pass-through certificates or collateralized mortgage obligations (the “Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities”) evidencing an interest in, or secured by, loans of the type that would otherwise be eligible to be loans included in a trust fund.

The pool will be created on the first day of the month of the issuance of the related series of securities or on another date specified in the related prospectus supplement. The securities will be entitled to payment from the assets of the related trust fund or funds or other assets pledged for the benefit of the securityholders, as specified in the related prospectus supplement and will not be entitled to payments in respect of the assets of any other trust fund established by the depositor.*

The Trust Fund Assets will be acquired by the depositor, either directly or through affiliates, from originators or sellers which may be affiliates of the depositor (the “Sellers”), and conveyed without recourse by the depositor to the related trust fund. Loans acquired by the depositor will have been originated in accordance with the underwriting criteria specified below under “Loan Program — Underwriting Standards” or as otherwise described in the related prospectus supplement. See “Loan Program — Underwriting Standards.”

The depositor will cause the Trust Fund Assets to be assigned to the trustee named in the related prospectus supplement for the benefit of the holders of the securities of the related series. The master servicer named in the related prospectus supplement will service the Trust Fund Assets, either directly or through other servicing institutions called sub-servicers, pursuant to a Pooling and Servicing Agreement (each, a “Pooling and Servicing Agreement” among the depositor, the master servicer and the trustee with respect to a series consisting of certificates, or a sale and servicing agreement (each, a “Sale and Servicing Agreement”) between the trustee and the master servicer with respect to a series consisting of certificates and notes, and will receive a fee for these services. The Pooling and Servicing Agreements and Sale and Servicing Agreements are also referred to as “Master Servicing Agreements”) in this prospectus. See “Loan Program” and “The Agreements.” With respect to loans serviced by the master servicer through a sub-servicer, the master servicer will remain liable for its servicing obligations under the related Agreement as if the master servicer alone were servicing those loans.

* Whenever the terms pool, certificates, notes and securities are used in this prospectus, those terms will be considered to apply, unless the context indicates otherwise, to one specific pool and the securities of one series including the certificates representing undivided interests in, and/or notes secured by the assets of, a single trust fund consisting primarily of the loans in that pool. Similarly, the term “Pass- Through Rate” will refer to the pass-through rate borne by the certificates and the term interest rate will refer to the interest rate borne by the notes of one specific series, as applicable, and the term trust fund will refer to one specific trust fund.

If so specified in the related prospectus supplement, a trust fund relating to a series of securities may be a business trust or common law trust formed under the laws of the state specified in the related prospectus supplement pursuant to a trust agreement (each, a “Trust Agreement”) between the depositor and the trustee of the trust fund.

As used herein, “Agreement” means, with respect to a series consisting of certificates, the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, and with respect to a series consisting of certificates and notes, the Trust Agreement, the Indenture and the Sale and Servicing Agreement, as the context requires.

With respect to each trust fund, prior to the initial offering of the related series of securities, the trust fund will have no assets or liabilities. No trust fund is expected to engage in any activities other than acquiring, managing and holding of the related Trust Fund Assets and other assets contemplated herein specified and in the related prospectus supplement and the proceeds thereof, issuing securities and making payments and distributions thereon and certain related activities. No trust fund is expected to have any source of capital other than its assets and any related credit enhancement.

The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for additional obligations of the depositor, but if it does not, the only obligations of the depositor with respect to a series of securities will be to obtain certain representations and warranties from the sellers and to assign to the trustee for that series of securities the depositor’s rights with respect to the representations and warranties. See “The Agreements — Assignment of the Trust Fund Assets.” The obligations of the master servicer with respect to the loans will consist principally of its contractual servicing obligations under the related Agreement (including its obligation to enforce the obligations of the sub-servicers or sellers, or both, as more fully described herein under “Loan Program — Representations by Sellers; Repurchases” and “The Agreements — Sub-Servicing By Sellers” and “— Assignment of the Trust Fund Assets”) and its obligation, if any, to make certain cash advances in the event of delinquencies in payments on or with respect to the loans in the amounts described herein under “Description of the Securities — Advances.” The obligations of the master servicer to make advances may be subject to limitations, to the extent provided herein and in the related prospectus supplement.

The following is a brief description of the assets expected to be included in the trust funds. If specific information respecting the Trust Fund Assets is not known at the time the related series of securities initially is offered, more general information of the nature described below will be provided in the related prospectus supplement, and specific information will be set forth in a report on Form 8-K to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) after the initial issuance of the related securities (the “Detailed Description”). A copy of the Agreement with respect to each series of securities will be filed on Form 8-K after the initial issuance of the related securities and will be available for inspection at the corporate trust office of the trustee specified in the related prospectus supplement. A schedule of the loans relating to the series will be attached to the Agreement delivered to the trustee upon delivery of the securities.

The Loans

General. Loans will consist of single family loans or multifamily loans. If so specified, the loans may include cooperative apartment loans (“cooperative loans”) secured by security interests in shares issued by private, non-profit, cooperative housing corporations (“cooperatives”) and in the related proprietary leases or occupancy agreements granting exclusive rights to occupy specific dwelling units in the cooperatives’ buildings. As more fully described in the related prospectus supplement, the loans may be “conventional” loans or loans that are insured or guaranteed by a governmental agency such as the Federal Housing Administration (the “FHA”) or the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (the “VA”).

The applicable prospectus supplement may specify the day on which monthly payments on the loans in a pool will be due, but if it does not, all of the mortgage loans in a pool will have monthly payments due on the first day of each month. The payment terms of the loans to be included in a trust fund will be described in the related prospectus supplement and may include any of the following features or combination thereof or other features described in the related prospectus supplement:

- Interest may be payable at a fixed rate, a rate adjustable from time to time in relation to an index (which will be specified in the related prospectus supplement), a rate that is fixed for a period of time or under certain circumstances and is followed by an adjustable rate, a rate that otherwise varies from time to time, or a rate that is convertible from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate. Changes to an adjustable rate may be subject to periodic limitations, maximum rates, minimum rates or a combination of the limitations. Accrued interest may be deferred and added to the principal of a loan for the periods and under the circumstances as may be specified in the related prospectus supplement. Loans may provide for the payment of interest at a rate lower than the specified interest rate borne by the loan (the "Loan Rate") for a period of time or for the life of the loan, and the amount of any difference may be contributed from funds supplied by the seller of the Property or another source.
- Principal may be payable on a level debt service basis to fully amortize the loan over its term, may be calculated on the basis of an assumed amortization schedule that is significantly longer than the original term to maturity or on an interest rate that is different from the Loan Rate or may not be amortized during all or a portion of the original term. Payment of all or a substantial portion of the principal may be due on maturity, called balloon payments. Principal may include interest that has been deferred and added to the principal balance of the loan.
- Monthly payments of principal and interest may be fixed for the life of the loan, may increase over a specified period of time or may change from period to period. The terms of a loan may include limits on periodic increases or decreases in the amount of monthly payments and may include maximum or minimum amounts of monthly payments.
- The loans generally may be prepaid at any time. Prepayments of principal may be subject to a prepayment fee, which may be fixed for the life of the loan or may decline over time, and may be prohibited for the life of the loan or for certain periods, which are called lockout periods. Certain loans may permit prepayments after expiration of the applicable lockout period and may require the payment of a prepayment fee in connection with any subsequent prepayment. Other loans may permit prepayments without payment of a fee unless the prepayment occurs during specified time periods. The loans may include "due-on-sale" clauses that permit the mortgagee to demand payment of the entire loan in connection with the sale or certain transfers of the related mortgaged property. Other loans may be assumable by persons meeting the then applicable underwriting standards of the seller.

A trust fund may contain buydown loans that include provisions whereby a third party partially subsidizes the monthly payments of the obligors on the loans during the early years of the loans, the difference to be made up from a buydown fund contributed by the third party at the time of origination of the loan. A buydown fund will be in an amount equal either to the discounted value or full aggregate amount of future payment subsidies. Thereafter, buydown funds are applied to the applicable loan upon receipt by the master servicer of the mortgagor's portion of the monthly payment on the loan. The master servicer administers the buydown fund to ensure that the monthly allocation from the buydown fund combined with the monthly payment received from the mortgagor equals the scheduled monthly payment on the applicable loan. The underlying assumption of buydown plans is that the income of the mortgagor will increase during the buydown period as a result of normal increases in compensation and inflation, so that the mortgagor will be able to meet the full mortgage payments at the end of the buydown period. To the extent that this assumption as to increased income is not fulfilled, the possibility of defaults on buydown loans is increased. The related prospectus supplement will contain information with respect to any Buydown Loan concerning limitations on the interest rate paid by the mortgagor initially, on annual increases in the interest rate and on the length of the buydown period.

The real property which secures repayment of the loans is referred to as the mortgaged properties and is collectively referred to herein as the "Properties." The loans will be secured by mortgages or deeds of trust or other similar security instruments creating a lien on the Properties. The Properties may be located in any one of the fifty states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico or any other territory of the United States.

Loans with certain Loan-to-Value Ratios and/or certain principal balances may be covered wholly or partially by primary mortgage guaranty insurance policies (each, a “Primary Mortgage Insurance Policy”). The existence, extent and duration of any coverage will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The aggregate principal balance of loans secured by Properties that are owner-occupied will be disclosed in the related prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the basis for representations relating to Single Family Properties, but if it does not, the sole basis for a representation that a given percentage of the loans is secured by Single Family Properties that are owner-occupied will be either (i) the making of a representation by the borrower at origination of the loan either that the underlying Property will be used by the borrower for a period of at least six months every year or that the borrower intends to use the Property as a primary residence or (ii) a finding that the address of the underlying Property is the borrower’s mailing address.

Single Family Loans. The mortgaged properties relating to single family loans will consist of detached or semi-detached one- to four-family dwelling units, townhouses, rowhouses, individual condominium units, individual units in planned unit developments, manufactured housing that is permanently affixed and treated as real property under local law, and certain other dwelling units (“Single Family Properties”). Single Family Properties may include vacation and second homes, investment properties and leasehold interests. In the case of leasehold interests, the applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the leasehold term, but if it does not, the term of the leasehold will exceed the scheduled maturity of the loan by at least five years.

Multifamily Loans. Mortgaged properties which secure multifamily loans may include small multifamily residential properties such as rental apartment buildings or projects containing five to fifty residential units, including mid-rise and garden apartments. Certain of the multifamily loans may be secured by apartment buildings owned by cooperatives. In those cases, the cooperative owns all the apartment units in the building and all common areas. The cooperative is owned by tenant-stockholders who, through ownership of stock, shares or membership certificates in the corporation, receive proprietary leases or occupancy agreements which confer exclusive rights to occupy specific apartments or units. Generally, a tenant-stockholder of a cooperative must make a monthly payment to the cooperative representing the tenant-stockholder’s pro rata share of the cooperative’s payments for its mortgage loan, real property taxes, maintenance expenses and other capital or ordinary expenses. Those payments are in addition to any payments of principal and interest the tenant-stockholder must make on any loans to the tenant-stockholder secured by its shares in the cooperative. The cooperative will be directly responsible for building management and, in most cases, payment of real estate taxes and hazard and liability insurance. A cooperative’s ability to meet debt service obligations on a multifamily loan, as well as all other operating expenses, will be dependent in large part on the receipt of maintenance payments from the tenant-stockholders, as well as any rental income from units the cooperative might control. Unanticipated expenditures may in some cases have to be paid by special assessments on the tenant-stockholders. No more than 5% of the aggregate Trust Fund Assets for any series, as constituted at the time of the applicable cut-off date (measured by principal balance), will be comprised of multifamily loans.

Additional Information. Each prospectus supplement will contain information, as of the date of the prospectus supplement and to the extent then specifically known to the depositor, with respect to the loans contained in the related pool, including

- the aggregate outstanding principal balance and the average outstanding principal balance of the loans as of the first day of the month of issuance of the related series of certificates or another date specified in the related prospectus supplement called a cut-off date,
- the type of property securing the loans (e.g., single-family residences, individual units in condominium apartment buildings or in buildings owned by cooperatives, small multifamily properties or other real property),
- the original terms to maturity of the loans,
- the ranges of the principal balances of the loans,

- the earliest origination date and latest maturity date of any of the loans,
- the ranges of the Loan-to-Value Ratios of the loans at origination,
- the Loan Rates or range of Loan Rates borne by the loans, and
- the geographical distribution of the loans.

If specific information respecting the loans is not known to the depositor at the time the related securities are initially offered, more general information of the nature described above will be provided in the detailed description of Trust Fund Assets.

The “Loan-to-Value Ratio” of a loan at any given time is the fraction, expressed as a percentage, the numerator of which is the original principal balance of the related loan and the denominator of which is the collateral value of the related Property. The “Collateral Value” of the Property, other than with respect to certain loans the proceeds of which were used to refinance an existing mortgage loan (each, a “Refinance Loan”), will be calculated as described in the prospectus supplement, but if there is no description in the prospectus supplement, it is the lesser of (a) the appraised value determined in an appraisal obtained by the originator at origination of the loan and (b) the sales price for the Property. In the case of Refinance Loans, the “Collateral Value” of the related Property will be calculated as described in the prospectus supplement, but if there is no description in the prospectus supplement, it is generally the appraised value thereof determined in an appraisal obtained at the time of refinancing.

We can give no assurance that values of the Properties have remained or will remain at their levels on the dates of origination of the related loans. If the residential real estate market should experience an overall decline in property values such that the outstanding principal balances of the loans, and any secondary financing on the Properties, in a particular pool become equal to or greater than the value of the Properties, the actual rates of delinquencies, foreclosures and losses could be higher than those now generally experienced in the mortgage lending industry. In addition, adverse economic conditions and other factors (which may or may not affect real property values) may affect the timely payment by borrowers of scheduled payments of principal and interest on the loans and, accordingly, the actual rates of delinquencies, foreclosures and losses with respect to any pool. To the extent that the losses are not covered by subordination provisions or alternative arrangements, the losses will be borne, at least in part, by the holders of the securities of the related series.

Agency Securities

Government National Mortgage Association. Ginnie Mae is a wholly-owned corporate instrumentality of the United States with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Section 306(g) of Title II of the National Housing Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes Ginnie Mae to guarantee the timely payment of the principal of and interest on certificates that represent an interest in a pool of mortgage loans insured by the FHA under the National Housing Act of 1934 or Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, or partially guaranteed by the VA under the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, or Chapter 37 of Title 38, United States Code.

Section 306(g) of the National Housing Act of 1934 provides that “the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged to the payment of all amounts which may be required to be paid under any guaranty under this subsection.” In order to meet its obligations under that guaranty, Ginnie Mae may, under Section 306(d) of the National Housing Act of 1934, borrow from the United States Treasury in an unlimited amount which is at any time sufficient to enable Ginnie Mae to perform its obligations under its guarantee.

Ginnie Mae Certificates. Each Ginnie Mae certificate held in a trust fund will be a “fully modified pass-through” mortgage backed certificate issued and serviced by a Ginnie Mae issuer approved by Ginnie Mae or by Fannie Mae as a seller-servicer of FHA loans or VA loans. The Ginnie Mae certificates may be issued under either the Ginnie Mae I program or the Ginnie Mae II program. The mortgage loans underlying the Ginnie Mae certificates will consist of FHA loans or VA loans. Each mortgage loan is secured by a one-to four-family or multifamily residential property. Ginnie Mae will approve the issuance of each Ginnie Mae certificate in

accordance with a guaranty agreement between Ginnie Mae and the Ginnie Mae issuer. Pursuant to its guaranty agreement, a Ginnie Mae issuer will be required to advance its own funds in order to make timely payments of all amounts due on each Ginnie Mae certificate if the payments received by the Ginnie Mae issuer on the FHA loans or VA loans underlying each Ginnie Mae certificate are less than the amounts due on each Ginnie Mae certificate.

The full and timely payment of principal of and interest on each Ginnie Mae certificate will be guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, which obligation is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Each Ginnie Mae certificate will have an original maturity of not more than 30 years (but may have original maturities of substantially less than 30 years). Each Ginnie Mae certificate will be based on and backed by a pool of FHA loans or VA loans secured by one to four-family residential properties and will provide for the payment by or on behalf of the Ginnie Mae issuer to the registered holder of the Ginnie Mae certificate of scheduled monthly payments of principal and interest equal to the registered holder's proportionate interest in the aggregate amount of the monthly principal and interest payment on each FHA loan or VA loan underlying the Ginnie Mae certificate, less the applicable servicing and guaranty fee, which together equal the difference between the interest on the FHA loan or VA loan and the pass-through rate on the Ginnie Mae certificate. In addition, each payment will include proportionate pass-through payments of any prepayments of principal on the FHA loans or VA loans underlying the Ginnie Mae certificate and liquidation proceeds upon a foreclosure or other disposition of the FHA loans or VA loans.

If a Ginnie Mae issuer is unable to make the payments on a Ginnie Mae certificate as it becomes due, it must promptly notify Ginnie Mae and request Ginnie Mae to make the payment. Upon notification and request, Ginnie Mae will make the payments directly to the registered holder of the Ginnie Mae certificate. If no payment is made by a Ginnie Mae issuer and the Ginnie Mae issuer fails to notify and request Ginnie Mae to make the payment, the holder of the Ginnie Mae certificate will have recourse only against Ginnie Mae to obtain the payment. The trustee or its nominee, as registered holder of the Ginnie Mae certificates held in a trust fund, will have the right to proceed directly against Ginnie Mae under the terms of the guaranty agreements relating to the Ginnie Mae certificates for any amounts that are not paid when due.

All mortgage loans underlying a particular Ginnie Mae I certificate must have the same interest rate over the term of the loan, except in pools of mortgage loans secured by manufactured homes. The interest rate on the Ginnie Mae I certificate will equal the interest rate on the mortgage loans included in the pool of mortgage loans underlying the Ginnie Mae I certificate, less one-half percentage point per annum of the unpaid principal balance of the mortgage loans.

Mortgage loans underlying a particular Ginnie Mae II certificate may have per annum interest rates that vary from each other by up to one percentage point. The interest rate on each Ginnie Mae II certificate will be between one half percentage point and one and one-half percentage points lower than the highest interest rate on the mortgage loans included in the pool of mortgage loans underlying the Ginnie Mae II certificate, except for pools of mortgage loans secured by manufactured homes.

Regular monthly installment payments on each Ginnie Mae certificate held in a trust fund will be comprised of interest due as specified on the Ginnie Mae certificate plus the scheduled principal payments on the FHA loans or VA loans underlying the Ginnie Mae certificate due on the first day of the month in which the scheduled monthly installments on the Ginnie Mae certificate are due. The regular monthly installments on each Ginnie Mae certificate are required to be paid to the trustee as registered holder by the 15th day of each month in the case of a Ginnie Mae I certificate and are required to be mailed to the trustee by the 20th day of each month in the case of a Ginnie Mae II certificate. Any principal prepayments on any FHA loans or VA loans underlying a Ginnie Mae certificate held in a trust fund or any other early recovery of principal on the loans will be passed through to the trustee as the registered holder of the Ginnie Mae certificate.

Ginnie Mae certificates may be backed by graduated payment mortgage loans or by buydown loans for which funds will have been provided (and deposited into escrow accounts) for application to the payment of a portion of the borrowers' monthly payments during the early years of the mortgage loan. Payments due the registered holders of Ginnie Mae certificates backed by pools containing buydown loans will be computed in the same manner as payments derived from other Ginnie Mae certificates and will include amounts to be collected from both the borrower and the related escrow account. The graduated payment mortgage loans will provide for graduated interest payments that, during the early years of the mortgage loans, will be less than the amount of stated

interest on the mortgage loans. The interest not so paid will be added to the principal of the graduated payment mortgage loans and, together with interest on them, will be paid in subsequent years. The obligations of Ginnie Mae and of a Ginnie Mae issuer will be the same irrespective of whether the Ginnie Mae certificates are backed by graduated payment mortgage loans or buydown loans. No statistics comparable to the FHA's prepayment experience on level payment, non-buydown mortgage loans are available for graduated payment or buydown loans. Ginnie Mae certificates related to a series of certificates may be held in book-entry form.

The Ginnie Mae certificates included in a trust fund, and the related underlying mortgage loans, may have characteristics and terms different from those described above. Any different characteristics and terms will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Freddie Mac is a corporate instrumentality of the United States created pursuant to Title III of the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970, as amended. The common stock of Freddie Mac is owned by the Federal Home Loan Banks and its preferred stock is owned by stockholders of the Federal Home Loan Banks. Freddie Mac was established primarily to increase the availability of mortgage credit to finance urgently needed housing. It seeks to provide an enhanced degree of liquidity for residential mortgage investments primarily by assisting in the development of secondary markets for conventional mortgages. The principal activity of Freddie Mac currently consists of the purchase of first lien conventional mortgage loans or participation interests in mortgage loans and the sale of the mortgage loans or participations so purchased in the form of mortgage securities, primarily mortgage participation certificates issued and either guaranteed as to timely payment of interest or guaranteed as to timely payment of interest and ultimate payment of principal by Freddie Mac. Freddie Mac is confined to purchasing, so far as practicable, mortgage loans that it deems to be of such quality, type and class as to meet generally the purchase standards imposed by private institutional mortgage investors.

Freddie Mac Certificates. Each Freddie Mac certificate represents an undivided interest in a pool of mortgage loans that may consist of first lien conventional loans, FHA loans or VA loans. Freddie Mac certificates are sold under the terms of a Mortgage Participation Certificate Agreement. A Freddie Mac certificate may be issued under either Freddie Mac's Cash Program or Guarantor Program.

Mortgage loans underlying the Freddie Mac certificates held by a trust fund will consist of mortgage loans with original terms to maturity of between 10 and 40 years. Each mortgage loan must meet the applicable standards set forth in the Emergency Home Finance Act of 1970. A Freddie Mac certificate group may include whole loans, participation interests in whole loans and undivided interests in whole loans and participations comprising another Freddie Mac certificate group. Under the Guarantor Program, a Freddie Mac certificate group may include only whole loans or participation interests in whole loans.

Freddie Mac guarantees to each registered holder of a Freddie Mac certificate the timely payment of interest on the underlying mortgage loans to the extent of the applicable certificate interest rate on the registered holder's pro rata share of the unpaid principal balance outstanding on the underlying mortgage loans in the Freddie Mac certificate group represented by the Freddie Mac certificate, whether or not received. Freddie Mac also guarantees to each registered holder of a Freddie Mac certificate collection by the holder of all principal on the underlying mortgage loans, without any offset or deduction, to the extent of the holder's pro rata share of it, but does not, except if and to the extent specified in the related prospectus supplement for a series of certificates, guarantee the timely payment of scheduled principal. Under Freddie Mac's Gold PC Program, Freddie Mac guarantees the timely payment of principal based on the difference between the pool factor published in the month preceding the month of distribution and the pool factor published in the month of distribution. Pursuant to its guaranties, Freddie Mac indemnifies holders of Freddie Mac certificates against any diminution in principal from charges for property repairs, maintenance and foreclosure. Freddie Mac may remit the amount due on account of its guaranty of collection of principal at any time after default on an underlying mortgage loan, but not later than 30 days following foreclosure sale, 30 days following payment of the claim by any mortgage insurer or 30 days following the expiration of any right of redemption, whichever occurs later, but in any event no later than one year after demand has been made upon the mortgagor for accelerated payment of principal. In taking actions regarding the collection of principal after default on the mortgage loans underlying Freddie Mac certificates, including the timing of demand for acceleration, Freddie Mac reserves the right to exercise its judgment with respect to the mortgage loans in the same manner as for mortgage loans that it has purchased but not sold. The length of time necessary for Freddie Mac

to determine that a mortgage loan should be accelerated varies with the particular circumstances of each mortgagor, and Freddie Mac has not adopted standards which require that the demand be made within any specified period.

Freddie Mac certificates are not guaranteed by the United States or by any Federal Home Loan Bank and do not constitute debts or obligations of the United States or any Federal Home Loan Bank. The obligations of Freddie Mac under its guaranty are obligations solely of Freddie Mac and are not backed by, or entitled to, the full faith and credit of the United States. If Freddie Mac were unable to satisfy its obligations, distributions to holders of Freddie Mac certificates would consist solely of payments and other recoveries on the underlying mortgage loans and, accordingly, monthly distributions to holders of Freddie Mac certificates would be affected by delinquent payments and defaults on the mortgage loans.

Registered holders of Freddie Mac certificates are entitled to receive their monthly pro rata share of all principal payments on the underlying mortgage loans received by Freddie Mac, including any scheduled principal payments, full and partial prepayments of principal and principal received by Freddie Mac by virtue of condemnation, insurance, liquidation or foreclosure, and repurchases of the mortgage loans by Freddie Mac or their seller. Freddie Mac is required to remit each registered Freddie Mac certificateholder's pro rata share of principal payments on the underlying mortgage loans, interest at the Freddie Mac pass-through rate and any other sums such as prepayment fees, within 60 days of the date on which the payments are deemed to have been received by Freddie Mac.

Under Freddie Mac's Cash Program, there is no limitation on the amount by which interest rates on the mortgage loans underlying a Freddie Mac certificate may exceed the pass-through rate on the Freddie Mac certificate. Under that program, Freddie Mac purchases groups of whole mortgage loans from sellers at specified percentages of their unpaid principal balances, adjusted for accrued or prepaid interest, which when applied to the interest rate of the mortgage loans and participations purchased results in the yield required by Freddie Mac. The required yield, which includes a minimum servicing fee retained by the servicer, is calculated using the outstanding principal balance. The range of interest rates on the mortgage loans and participations in a Freddie Mac certificate group under the Cash Program will vary since mortgage loans and participations are purchased and assigned to a Freddie Mac certificate group based upon their yield to Freddie Mac rather than on the interest rate on the underlying mortgage loans. Under Freddie Mac's Guarantor Program, the pass-through rate on a Freddie Mac certificate is established based upon the lowest interest rate on the underlying mortgage loans, minus a minimum servicing fee and the amount of Freddie Mac's management and guaranty income as agreed upon between the seller and Freddie Mac.

Freddie Mac certificates duly presented for registration of ownership on or before the last business day of a month are registered effective as of the first day of the month. The first remittance to a registered holder of a Freddie Mac certificate will be distributed so as to be received normally by the 15th day of the second month following the month in which the purchaser became a registered holder of the Freddie Mac certificate. Thereafter, the remittance will be distributed monthly to the registered holder so as to be received normally by the 15th day of each month. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York maintains book-entry accounts for Freddie Mac certificates sold by Freddie Mac on or after January 2, 1985, and makes payments of principal and interest each month to their registered holders in accordance with the holders' instructions.

Federal National Mortgage Association. Fannie Mae is a federally chartered and privately owned corporation organized and existing under the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act, as amended. Fannie Mae was originally established in 1938 as a United States government agency to provide supplemental liquidity to the mortgage market and was transformed into a stockholder owned and privately-managed corporation by legislation enacted in 1968.

Fannie Mae provides funds to the mortgage market primarily by purchasing mortgage loans from lenders, thereby replenishing their funds for additional lending. Fannie Mae acquires funds to purchase mortgage loans from many capital market investors that may not ordinarily invest in mortgages, thereby expanding the total amount of funds available for housing. Operating nationwide, Fannie Mae helps to redistribute mortgage funds from capital-surplus to capital-short areas.

Fannie Mae Certificates. These are guaranteed mortgage pass-through certificates issued and guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by Fannie Mae representing fractional undivided interests in a pool of mortgage loans formed by Fannie Mae. Each mortgage loan must meet the applicable standards of the Fannie Mae purchase program. Mortgage loans comprising a pool are either provided by Fannie Mae from its own portfolio or purchased pursuant to the criteria of the Fannie Mae purchase program.

Mortgage loans underlying Fannie Mae certificates held by a trust fund will consist of conventional mortgage loans, FHA loans or VA loans. Original maturities of substantially all of the conventional, level payment mortgage loans underlying a Fannie Mae certificate are expected to be between either 8 to 15 years or 20 to 40 years. The original maturities of substantially all of the fixed rate, level payment FHA loans or VA loans are expected to be 30 years. Mortgage loans underlying a Fannie Mae certificate may have annual interest rates that vary by as much as two percentage points from each other. The rate of interest payable on a Fannie Mae certificate is equal to the lowest interest rate of any mortgage loan in the related pool, less a specified minimum annual percentage representing servicing compensation and Fannie Mae's guaranty fee. Under a regular servicing option, the annual interest rates on the mortgage loans underlying a Fannie Mae certificate will be between 50 basis points and 250 basis points greater than is its annual pass through rate. Under this option the mortgagee or each other servicer assumes the entire risk of foreclosure losses. Under a special servicing option, the annual interest rates on the mortgage loans underlying a Fannie Mae certificate will generally be between 55 basis points and 255 basis points greater than the annual Fannie Mae certificate pass-through rate. Under this option Fannie Mae assumes the entire risk for foreclosure losses. If specified in the related prospectus supplement, Fannie Mae certificates may be backed by adjustable rate mortgages.

Fannie Mae guarantees to each registered holder of a Fannie Mae certificate that it will distribute amounts representing the holder's proportionate share of scheduled principal and interest payments at the applicable pass through rate provided for by the Fannie Mae certificate on the underlying mortgage loans, whether or not received, and the holder's proportionate share of the full principal amount of any foreclosed or other finally liquidated mortgage loan, whether or not the principal amount is actually recovered. The obligations of Fannie Mae under its guaranties are obligations solely of Fannie Mae and are not backed by, or entitled to, the full faith and credit of the United States. Although the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States has discretionary authority to lend Fannie Mae up to \$2.25 billion outstanding at any time, neither the United States nor any of its agencies is obligated to finance Fannie Mae's operations or to assist Fannie Mae in any other manner. If Fannie Mae were unable to satisfy its obligations, distributions to holders of Fannie Mae certificates would consist solely of payments and other recoveries on the underlying mortgage loans and, accordingly, monthly distributions to holders of Fannie Mae certificates would be affected by delinquent payments and defaults on the mortgage loans.

Except for Fannie Mae certificates backed by pools containing graduated payment mortgage loans or mortgage loans secured by multifamily projects, Fannie Mae certificates evidencing interests in pools of mortgage loans formed on or after May 1, 1985 are available in book-entry form only. Distributions of principal and interest on each Fannie Mae certificate will be made by Fannie Mae on the 25th day of each month to the persons in whose name the Fannie Mae certificate is entered in the books of the Federal Reserve Banks or registered on the Fannie Mae certificate register as of the close of business on the last day of the preceding month. Distributions on Fannie Mae certificates issued in book-entry form will be made by wire. Distributions on fully registered Fannie Mae certificates will be made by check.

The Fannie Mae certificates included in a trust fund, and the related underlying mortgage loans, may have characteristics and terms different from those described above. Any different characteristics and terms will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

Stripped Mortgage-Backed Securities. Agency Securities may consist of one or more stripped mortgage-backed securities, each as described in this prospectus and in the related prospectus supplement. Each Agency Security will represent an undivided interest in all or part of either the principal distributions (but not the interest distributions) or the interest distributions (but not the principal distributions), or in some specified portion of the principal and interest distributions (but not all the distributions) on certain Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae certificates. The underlying securities will be held under a trust agreement by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae, each as trustee, or by another trustee named in the related prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement may specify that Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae will not guarantee each stripped Agency

Security to the same extent it guarantees the underlying securities backing the stripped Agency Security, but if it does not, then Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or Ginnie Mae will guarantee each stripped Agency Security to the same extent it guarantees the underlying securities backing the stripped Agency Security.

Other Agency Securities. If specified in the related prospectus supplement, a trust fund may include other mortgage pass-through certificates issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. The characteristics of those mortgage pass-through certificates will be described in the prospectus supplement. If so specified, a combination of different types of Agency Securities may be held in a trust fund.

Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities

Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may consist of mortgage pass-through certificates or participation certificates evidencing an undivided interest in a pool of mortgage loans or collateralized mortgage obligations secured by mortgage loans. Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may include stripped mortgage-backed securities representing an undivided interest in all or a part of either the principal distributions (but not the interest distributions) or the interest distributions (but not the principal distributions) or in some specified portion of the principal and interest distributions (but not all the distributions) on certain mortgage loans. Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities will have been issued pursuant to a pooling and servicing agreement, an indenture or similar agreement. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide that the seller/servicer of the underlying mortgage loans will not have entered into a pooling and servicing agreement with a private trustee, but if it does not, the seller/servicer of the underlying mortgage loans will have entered into the pooling and servicing agreement with a private trustee. The private trustee or its agent, or a custodian, will possess the mortgage loans underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Security. Mortgage loans underlying a Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Security will be serviced by a private servicer directly or by one or more subservicers who may be subject to the supervision of the private servicer.

The issuer of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities will be a financial institution or other entity engaged generally in the business of mortgage lending, a public agency or instrumentality of a state, local or federal government, or a limited purpose corporation organized for the purpose of, among other things, establishing trusts and acquiring and selling housing loans to the trusts and selling beneficial interests in the trusts. If so specified in the related prospectus supplement, the issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may be an affiliate of the depositor. The obligations of the issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities will generally be limited to certain representations and warranties with respect to the assets conveyed by it to the related trust fund. The issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities will not have guaranteed any of the assets conveyed to the related trust fund or any of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities issued under the pooling and servicing agreement. Additionally, although the mortgage loans underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may be guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States, the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities themselves will not be so guaranteed.

Distributions of principal and interest will be made on the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities on the dates specified in the related prospectus supplement. The Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may be entitled to receive nominal or no principal distributions or nominal or no interest distributions. Principal and interest distributions will be made on the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities by the private trustee or the private servicer. The issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities or the private servicer may have the right to repurchase assets underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities after a certain date or under other circumstances specified in the related prospectus supplement.

The mortgage loans underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may consist of fixed rate, level payment, fully amortizing loans or graduated payment mortgage loans, buydown loans, adjustable rate mortgage loans or loans having balloon or other special payment features. The mortgage loans may be secured by first liens on single family residences, multifamily residential properties, such as rental apartment buildings or projects containing five to fifty residential units, or an assignment of the proprietary lease or occupancy agreement relating to a specific dwelling within a cooperative and the related shares issued by the cooperative.

The prospectus supplement for a series for which the trust fund includes Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities will specify

- the aggregate approximate principal amount and type of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities to be included in the trust fund;
- certain characteristics of the mortgage loans that comprise the underlying assets for the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities including
 - the payment features of the mortgage loans,
 - the approximate aggregate principal balance, if known, of underlying mortgage loans insured or guaranteed by a governmental entity,
 - the servicing fee or range of servicing fees with respect to the mortgage loans and
 - the minimum and maximum stated maturities of the underlying mortgage loans at origination;
- the maximum original term-to-stated maturity of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- the weighted average term-to stated maturity of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- the pass-through or certificate rate of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- the weighted average pass-through or certificate rate of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- the issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities, the private servicer (if other than the issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities) and the private trustee for the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- certain characteristics of credit support, if any, such as reserve funds, insurance policies, surety bonds, letters of credit or guaranties relating to the mortgage loans underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities or to the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities themselves;
- the terms on which the underlying mortgage loans for the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities may, or are required to, be purchased before their stated maturity or the stated maturity of the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- the terms on which mortgage loans may be substituted for those originally underlying the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities; and
- as appropriate, shall indicate whether the information required to be presented with respect to the Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities as a “significant obligor” is either incorporated by reference, provided directly by the issuer or provided by reference to the Exchange Act filings of another entity.

Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities included in the trust fund for a series of certificates that were issued by an issuer of Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities that is not affiliated with the depositor must be acquired in bona fide secondary market transactions or either have been previously registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or have been held for at least the holding period required to be eligible for sale under Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act of 1933.

Substitution of Trust Fund Assets

Substitution of Trust Fund Assets will be permitted in the event of breaches of representations and warranties with respect to any original Trust Fund Asset or in the event the documentation with respect to any Trust

Fund Asset is determined by the trustee to be incomplete. The period during which the substitution will be permitted generally will be indicated in the related prospectus supplement. The related prospectus supplement will describe any other conditions upon which Trust Fund Assets may be substituted for Trust Fund Assets initially included in the Trust Fund.

Available Information

The depositor has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), covering the securities. This prospectus, which forms a part of the Registration Statement, and the prospectus supplement relating to each series of securities contain summaries of the material terms of the documents referred to in this prospectus and in the prospectus supplement, but do not contain all of the information in the Registration Statement pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information, reference is made to the Registration Statement and its exhibits. The Registration Statement and exhibits can be inspected and copied at prescribed rates at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at its Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet Web site that contains reports, information statements and other information regarding the registrants that file electronically with the SEC, including the depositor. The address of that Internet Web site is <http://www.sec.gov>. The depositor's SEC Securities Act file number is 333-131630.

This prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities offered by this prospectus and the prospectus supplement nor an offer of the securities to any person in any state or other jurisdiction in which the offer would be unlawful.

Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference; Reports Filed with the SEC

All documents filed for the trust fund referred to in the accompanying prospectus supplement after the date of this prospectus and before the end of the related offering with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and are a part of this prospectus from the date of their filing. Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus is modified or superseded for all purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus (or in the accompanying prospectus supplement) or in any other subsequently filed document that also is incorporated by reference differs from that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this prospectus.

The depositor or master servicer on behalf of the trust fund of the related series will file the reports required under the Securities Act and under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. These reports include (but are not limited to):

- Reports on Form 8-K (Current Report), following the issuance of the series of securities of the related trust fund, including as Exhibits to the Form 8-K (1) the agreements or other documents specified in the related prospectus supplement, if applicable, (2) the Detailed Description, if applicable, regarding the related Trust Fund Assets and (3) the opinions related to the tax consequences and the legality of the series being issued required to be filed under applicable securities laws;
- Reports on Form 8-K (Current Report), following the occurrence of events specified in Form 8-K requiring disclosure, which are required to be filed within the time-frame specified in Form 8-K related to the type of event;
- Reports on Form 10-D (Asset-Backed Issuer Distribution Report), containing the distribution and pool performance information required on Form 10-D, which are required to be filed 15 days following the distribution date specified in the related prospectus supplement; and

- Report on Form 10-K (Annual Report), containing the items specified in Form 10-K with respect to a fiscal year and filing or furnishing, as appropriate, the required exhibits.

Neither the depositor nor the master servicer intends to file with the SEC any reports required under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act with respect to a trust fund following completion of the reporting period required by Rule 15d-1 or Regulation 15D under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Unless specifically stated in the report, the reports and any information included in the report will neither be examined nor reported on by an independent public accountant. Each trust fund formed by the depositor will have a separate file number assigned by the SEC, which unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement is not available until filing of the final prospectus supplement related to the series. Reports filed with respect to a trust fund with the SEC after the final prospectus supplement is filed will be available under trust fund's specific number, which will be a series number assigned to the file number of the depositor shown above.

The trustee on behalf of any trust fund will provide without charge to each person to whom this prospectus is delivered, on the person's written request, a copy of any or all of the documents referred to above that have been or may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus (not including exhibits to the information that is incorporated by reference unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the information that this prospectus incorporates) and any reports filed with the SEC. Requests should be directed to the corporate trust office of the trustee specified in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Reports to Securityholders

The distribution and pool performance reports filed on Form 10-D will be forwarded to each securityholder as specified in the related prospectus supplement. See "Description of the Securities — Reports to Securityholders." All other reports filed with the SEC concerning the trust fund will be forwarded to securityholders free of charge upon written request to the trustee on behalf of any trust fund, but will not be made available through a Web site of the depositor, the master servicer or any other party as these reports and exhibits can be inspected and copied at prescribed rates at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC and can also be viewed electronically at the Internet Web site of the SEC shown above under "— Available Information."

Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds to be received from the sale of the securities will be applied by the depositor to the purchase of Trust Fund Assets or will be used by the depositor for general corporate purposes. The depositor expects to sell securities in series from time to time, but the timing and amount of offerings of securities will depend on a number of factors, including the volume of Trust Fund Assets acquired by the depositor, prevailing interest rates, availability of funds and general market conditions.

The Depositor

CWALT, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "depositor"), was incorporated in May 2003 for the limited purpose of acquiring, owning and transferring Trust Fund Assets and selling interests in them or bonds secured by them. The depositor is a limited purpose finance subsidiary of Countrywide Financial Corporation, a Delaware corporation. The depositor maintains its principal office at 4500 Park Granada, Calabasas, California 91302. Its telephone number is (818) 225-3000.

The depositor's obligations after issuance of the securities include delivery of the Trust Fund Assets and certain related documents and instruments, repurchasing Trust Fund Assets in the event of certain breaches of representations or warranties made by the depositor, providing tax-related information to the Trustee and maintaining the trustee's first priority perfected security interest in the Trust Fund Assets.

Neither the depositor nor any of the depositor's affiliates will insure or guarantee distributions on the securities of any series.

Loan Program

The loans will have been purchased by the depositor, either directly or through affiliates, from sellers. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the underwriting criteria used in originating the loans, but if it does not, the loans so acquired by the depositor will have been originated in accordance with the underwriting criteria specified below under "Underwriting Standards."

Underwriting Standards

Underwriting standards are applied by or on behalf of a lender to evaluate the borrower's credit standing and repayment ability, and the value and adequacy of the related Property as collateral. In general, a prospective borrower applying for a loan is required to fill out a detailed application designed to provide to the underwriting officer pertinent credit information. As part of the description of the borrower's financial condition, the borrower generally is required to provide a current list of assets and liabilities and a statement of income and expenses, as well as an authorization to apply for a credit report which summarizes the borrower's credit history with local merchants and lenders and any record of bankruptcy. In most cases, an employment verification is obtained from an independent source (typically the borrower's employer) which verification reports, among other things, the length of employment with that organization and the borrower's current salary. If a prospective borrower is self-employed, the borrower may be required to submit copies of signed tax returns. The borrower may also be required to authorize verification of deposits at financial institutions where the borrower has demand or savings accounts.

In determining the adequacy of the property to be used as collateral, an appraisal may be made of each property considered for financing. Except as described in the prospectus supplement, an appraiser is generally required to inspect the property, issue a report on its condition and, if applicable, verify construction, if new, has been completed. The appraisal is generally based on the market value of comparable homes, the estimated rental income (if considered applicable by the appraiser) and the cost of replacing the home.

Each seller's underwriting standards will generally permit loans with loan-to-value ratios at origination of up to 100% depending on the loan program, type and use of the property, creditworthiness of the borrower and debt-to-income ratio. If so specified in the related prospectus supplement, a seller's underwriting criteria may permit loans with loan-to-value ratios at origination in excess of 100%.

Once all applicable employment, credit and property information is received, a determination generally is made as to whether the prospective borrower has sufficient monthly income available to meet monthly housing expenses and other financial obligations and monthly living expenses and to meet the borrower's monthly obligations on the proposed mortgage loan (generally determined on the basis of the monthly payments due in the year of origination) and other expenses related to the mortgaged property such as property taxes and hazard insurance). The underwriting standards applied by sellers, particularly with respect to the level of loan documentation and the mortgagor's income and credit history, may be varied in appropriate cases where factors as low Loan-to-Value Ratios or other favorable credit factors exist.

In the case of a loan secured by a leasehold interest in real property, the title to which is held by a third party lessor, the applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the related representations and warranties of the seller, but if it does not, the related seller will represent and warrant, among other things, that the remaining term of the lease and any sublease is at least as long as the remaining term on the loan.

Certain of the types of loans that may be included in a trust fund are recently developed and may involve additional uncertainties not present in traditional types of loans. For example, certain of those loans may provide for escalating or variable payments by the borrower. These types of loans are underwritten on the basis of a judgment that the borrowers have the ability to make the monthly payments required initially. In some instances, a borrower's income may not be sufficient to permit continued loan payments as the payments increase. These types of loans may also be underwritten primarily upon the basis of Loan-to-Value Ratios or other favorable credit factors.

Qualifications of Sellers

Each seller must be an institution experienced in originating and servicing loans of the type contained in the related pool and must maintain satisfactory facilities to originate and service (either directly or through qualified subservicers) those loans. If a seller does not meet the foregoing qualifications, the related originator must satisfy those qualifications.

Representations by Sellers; Repurchases

One or more of each seller or, in some cases originator, will have made representations and warranties in respect of the loans sold by the seller or originator and evidenced by all, or a part, of a series of securities. The representations and warranties may include, among other things:

- that a lender's policy of title insurance (or other similar form of policy of insurance or an attorney's certificate of title) or a commitment to issue the policy was effective on the date of origination of each loan, other than cooperative loans, and that each policy (or certificate of title as applicable) remained in effect on the applicable cut-off date;
- that the seller had good title to each loan and each loan was subject to no valid offsets, defenses or counterclaims except to the extent that any buydown agreement may forgive certain indebtedness of a borrower;
- that each loan is secured by a valid lien on, or a perfected security interest with respect to, the Property (subject only to permissible liens disclosed, if applicable, title insurance exceptions, if applicable, and certain other exceptions described in the Agreement) and that, to the seller's knowledge, the Property was free of material damage;
- that there were no delinquent tax or assessment liens against the Property;
- that no payment of a principal and interest on a loan was delinquent more than the number of days specified in the related prospectus supplement; and
- that each loan at the time it was originated and on the date of transfer by the seller to the depositor complied in all material respects with all applicable local, state and federal laws.

If so specified in the related prospectus supplement, the representations and warranties of a seller or originator in respect of a loan will be made not as of the cut-off date but as of the date on which the seller or originator sold the loan to the depositor or one of its affiliates. Under those circumstances, a substantial period of time may have elapsed between the sale date and the date of initial issuance of the series of securities evidencing an interest in the loan. Since the representations and warranties of a seller or originator do not address events that may occur following the sale of a loan by the seller or originator, its repurchase obligation described below will not arise if the relevant event that would otherwise have given rise to the repurchase obligation with respect to a loan occurs after the date of sale of the loan by the seller or originator to the depositor or its affiliates. In addition, certain representations, including the condition of the related mortgaged property will be limited to the extent the seller or originator has knowledge and the seller or originator will be under no obligation to investigate the substance of the representation. However, the depositor will not include any loan in the trust fund for any series of securities if anything has come to the depositor's attention that would cause it to believe that the representations and warranties of a seller or originator will not be accurate and complete in all material respects in respect of the loan as of the date of initial issuance of the related series of securities. If the master servicer is also a seller or originator of loans with respect to a particular series of securities, those representations will be in addition to the representations and warranties made by the master servicer in its capacity as a master servicer.

The master servicer or the trustee, if the master servicer is the seller or originator, will promptly notify the relevant seller or originator of any breach of any representation or warranty made by it in respect of a loan which

materially and adversely affects the interests of the securityholders in the loan. If the seller or originator cannot cure the breach within 90 days following notice from the master servicer or the trustee, as the case may be, the applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the seller's or originator's obligations under those circumstances, but if it does not, then the seller or originator will be obligated either

- to repurchase the loan from the trust fund at a price (the "Purchase Price") equal to 100% of the unpaid principal balance of the loan as of the date of the repurchase plus accrued interest on the loan to the first day of the month following the month of repurchase at the Loan Rate (less any Advances or amount payable as related servicing compensation if the seller or originator is the master servicer) or
- substitute for the loan a replacement loan that satisfies the criteria specified in the related prospectus supplement.

If a REMIC election is to be made with respect to a trust fund, the applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the obligations of the master servicer or residual certificateholder, but if it does not, the master servicer or a holder of the related residual certificate generally will be obligated to pay any prohibited transaction tax which may arise in connection with any repurchase or substitution and the trustee must have received a satisfactory opinion of counsel that the repurchase or substitution will not cause the trust fund to lose its status as a REMIC or otherwise subject the trust fund to a prohibited transaction tax. The master servicer may be entitled to reimbursement for that payment from the assets of the related trust fund or from any holder of the related residual certificate. See "Description of the Securities — General." Except in those cases in which the master servicer is the seller or originator, the master servicer will be required under the applicable Agreement to enforce this obligation for the benefit of the trustee and the holders of the securities, following the practices it would employ in its good faith business judgment were it the owner of the loan. This repurchase or substitution obligation will constitute the sole remedy available to holders of securities or the trustee for a breach of representation by a seller or originator.

Neither the depositor nor the master servicer (unless the master servicer is the seller) will be obligated to purchase or substitute a loan if a seller defaults on its obligation to do so, and we can give no assurance that sellers will carry out their respective repurchase or substitution obligations with respect to loans. However, to the extent that a breach of a representation and warranty of a seller may also constitute a breach of a representation made by the master servicer, the master servicer may have a repurchase or substitution obligation as described below under "The Agreements — Assignment of Trust Fund Assets."

Static Pool Data

If specified in the related prospectus supplement, static pool data with respect to the delinquency, cumulative loss and prepayment data for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. ("Countrywide Home Loans") or any other person specified in the related prospectus supplement will be made available through a Web site. The prospectus supplement related to each series for which the static pool data is provided through a Web site will contain the Web site address to obtain this information. Except as stated below, the static pool data provided through any Web site will be deemed part of this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part from the date of the related prospectus supplement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following information shall not be deemed part of the prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part:

- with respect to information regarding prior securitized pools of Countrywide Home Loans (or the applicable person specified in the related prospectus supplement) that do not include the currently offered pool, information regarding prior securitized pools that were established before January 1, 2006; and
- with respect to information regarding the pool described in the related prospectus supplement, information about the pool for periods before January 1, 2006.

Static pool data may also be provided in the related prospectus supplement or may be provided in the form of a CD-ROM accompanying the related prospectus supplement. The related prospectus supplement will specify how the static pool data will be presented.

Description of the Securities

Each series of certificates will be issued pursuant to separate Pooling and Servicing Agreements. A form of Pooling and Servicing Agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Each Pooling and Servicing Agreement will be dated as of the related cut-off date, will be among the depositor, the master servicer and the trustee for the benefit of the holders of the securities of the related series. Each series of notes will be issued pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture") between the related trust fund and the entity named in the related prospectus supplement as trustee with respect to the related series, and the related loans will be serviced by the master servicer pursuant to a Sale and Servicing Agreement. Each Indenture will be dated as of the cut-off date and the Trust Fund Assets will be pledged to the related trustee for the benefit of the holders of the securities of the related series.

A form of Indenture and Sale and Servicing Agreement has been filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part. A series of securities may consist of both notes and certificates. The provisions of each Agreement will vary depending upon the nature of the securities to be issued thereunder and the nature of the related trust fund. The following are descriptions of the material provisions which may appear in each Agreement. The descriptions are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the Agreement for each series of securities and the applicable prospectus supplement. The depositor will provide a copy of the Agreement (without exhibits) relating to any series without charge upon written request of a holder of record of a security of that series addressed to CWALT, Inc., 4500 Park Granada, Calabasas, California 91302, Attention: Secretary.

General

The securities of each series will be issued in book-entry or fully registered form, in the authorized denominations specified in the related prospectus supplement, will, in the case of certificates, evidence specified beneficial ownership interests in, and in the case of notes, be secured by, the assets of the related trust fund created pursuant to the related Agreement and will not be entitled to payments in respect of the assets included in any other trust fund established by the depositor. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for guarantees or insurance obtained from a governmental entity or other person, but if it does not, the Trust Fund Assets will not be guaranteed or insured by any governmental entity or other person. Each trust fund will consist of, to the extent provided in the related Agreement,

- the Trust Fund Assets, as from time to time are subject to the related Agreement (exclusive of any amounts specified in the related prospectus supplement ("Retained Interest")), including all payments of interest and principal received with respect to the loans after the cut-off date (to the extent not applied in computing the principal balance of the loans as of the cut-off date (the "Cut-off Date Principal Balance"));
- the assets required to be deposited in the related Security Account from time to time;
- property which secured a loan and which is acquired on behalf of the securityholders by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure and
- any insurance policies or other forms of credit enhancement required to be maintained pursuant to the related Agreement.

If so specified in the related prospectus supplement, a trust fund may also include one or more of the following: reinvestment income on payments received on the Trust Fund Assets, a reserve fund, a mortgage pool insurance policy, a special hazard insurance policy, a bankruptcy bond, one or more letters of credit, a surety bond, guaranties or similar instruments.

Each series of securities will be issued in one or more classes. Each class of certificates of a series will evidence beneficial ownership of a specified percentage (which may be 0%) or portion of future interest payments and a specified percentage (which may be 0%) or portion of future principal payments on, and each class of notes of a series will be secured by, the related Trust Fund Assets. A series of securities may include one or more classes that are senior in right to payment to one or more other classes of securities of that series. Certain series or classes of securities may be covered by insurance policies, surety bonds or other forms of credit enhancement, in each case as described under "Credit Enhancement" herein and in the related prospectus supplement. One or more classes of securities of a series may be entitled to receive distributions of principal, interest or any combination thereof. Distributions on one or more classes of a series of securities may be made prior to one or more other classes, after the occurrence of specified events, in accordance with a schedule or formula or on the basis of collections from designated portions of the related Trust Fund Assets, in each case as specified in the related prospectus supplement. The timing and amounts of the distributions may vary among classes or over time as specified in the related prospectus supplement.

Distributions of principal and interest (or, where applicable, of principal only or interest only) on the related securities will be made by the trustee on each distribution date (i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or at the other intervals and on the dates as are specified in the related prospectus supplement) in proportion to the percentages specified in the related prospectus supplement. Distributions will be made to the persons in whose names the securities are registered at the close of business on the dates specified in the related prospectus supplement (each, a "Record Date"). Distributions will be made in the manner specified in the related prospectus supplement to the persons entitled thereto at the address appearing in the register maintained for holders of securities (the "Security Register"); provided, however, that the final distribution in retirement of the securities will be made only upon presentation and surrender of the securities at the office or agency of the trustee or other person specified in the notice to securityholders of the final distribution.

The securities will be freely transferable and exchangeable at the Corporate Trust Office of the trustee as set forth in the related prospectus supplement. No service charge will be made for any registration of exchange or transfer of securities of any series, but the trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any related tax or other governmental charge.

Certain Issues Related to the Suitability of Investments in the Securities for Holders. Under current law the purchase and holding by or on behalf of any employee benefit plan or other retirement arrangement subject to provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, or the Code of certain classes of certificates may result in "prohibited transactions" within the meaning of ERISA and the Code. See "ERISA Considerations." Retirement arrangements subject to these provisions include individual retirement accounts and annuities, Keogh plans and collective investment funds in which the plans, accounts or arrangements are invested. The applicable prospectus supplement may specify other conditions under which transfers of this type would be permitted, but if it does not, transfer of the certificates will not be registered unless the transferee represents that it is not, and is not purchasing on behalf of, a plan, account or other retirement arrangement or provides an opinion of counsel satisfactory to the trustee and the depositor that the purchase of the certificates by or on behalf of a plan, account or other retirement arrangement is permissible under applicable law and will not subject the trustee, the master servicer or the depositor to any obligation or liability in addition to those undertaken in the pooling and servicing agreement.

As to each series, an election may be made to treat the related trust fund or designated portions thereof as one or more "real estate mortgage investment conduits" ("REMICs") as defined in the Code. The related prospectus supplement will specify whether one or more REMIC elections are to be made. Alternatively, the Agreement for a series may provide that one or more REMIC elections may be made at the discretion of the depositor or the master servicer and may only be made if certain conditions are satisfied. The terms and provisions applicable to the making of a REMIC election for each related series, if applicable, will be set forth in the related prospectus supplement. If one or more REMIC elections are made with respect to a series, one of the classes will be designated as evidencing the sole class of "residual interests" in the related REMIC, as defined in the Code. All other classes of securities in the series will constitute "regular interests" in the related REMIC or REMICs, as applicable, as defined in the Code. As to each series with respect to which one or more REMIC elections are to be made, the master servicer or a holder of the related residual certificate will be obligated to take all actions required in order to comply with applicable laws and regulations and will be obligated to pay any prohibited transaction taxes. Unless otherwise provided in the

related prospectus supplement, the master servicer will be entitled to reimbursement if it makes any prohibited transaction tax payment from the assets of the trust fund or from any holder of the related residual certificate. Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, if the amounts distributable to related residual certificates are insufficient to cover the amount of any prohibited transaction taxes, the amount necessary to reimburse the master servicer may be deducted from the amounts otherwise payable to the other classes of certificates of the series.

Distributions on Securities

General. In general, the method of determining the amount of distributions on a particular series of securities will depend on the type of credit support, if any, that is used with respect to the related series. See “Credit Enhancement.” Set forth below are descriptions of various methods that may be used to determine the amount of distributions on the securities of a particular series. The prospectus supplement for each series of securities will describe the method to be used in determining the amount of distributions on the securities of the related series.

Distributions allocable to principal and interest on the securities will be made by the trustee out of, and only to the extent of, funds in the related Security Account, including any funds transferred from any reserve fund or the pre-funding account. As between securities of different classes and as between distributions of principal (and, if applicable, between distributions of Principal Prepayments, as defined below, and scheduled payments of principal) and interest, distributions made on any distribution date will be applied as specified in the related prospectus supplement. The prospectus supplement will also describe the method for allocating distributions among securities of a particular class, but if the prospectus supplement does not, distributions to any class of securities will be made pro rata to all securityholders of that class.

Available Funds. All distributions on the securities of each series on each distribution date will be made from the Available Funds described below, in accordance with the terms described in the related prospectus supplement and specified in the Agreement. The applicable prospectus supplement may define Available Funds with references to different accounts or different amounts, but if it does not, “Available Funds” for each distribution date will generally equal the amount on deposit in the related Security Account on that distribution date (net of related fees and expenses payable by the related trust fund) other than amounts to be held therein for distribution on future distribution dates.

Distributions of Interest. Interest will accrue on the aggregate principal balance of the securities (or, in the case of securities entitled only to distributions allocable to interest, the aggregate notional amount) of each class of securities (the “Class Security Balance”) entitled to interest from the date, at the Pass-Through Rate or interest rate, as applicable (which in either case may be a fixed rate or rate adjustable as specified in the related prospectus supplement), and for the periods specified in the related prospectus supplement. To the extent funds are available therefor, interest accrued during each specified period on each class of securities entitled to interest (other than a class of securities that provides for interest that accrues, but is not currently payable) will be distributable on the distribution dates specified in the related prospectus supplement until the aggregate Class Security Balance of the securities of that class has been distributed in full or, in the case of securities entitled only to distributions allocable to interest, until the aggregate notional amount of those securities is reduced to zero or for the period of time designated in the related prospectus supplement. The original Class Security Balance of each security will equal the aggregate distributions allocable to principal to which the security is entitled. The applicable prospectus supplement may specify some other basis for these distributions, but if it does not, distributions allocable to interest on each security that is not entitled to distributions allocable to principal will be calculated based on the notional amount of the security. The notional amount of a security will not evidence an interest in or entitlement to distributions allocable to principal but will be used solely for convenience in expressing the calculation of interest and for certain other purposes.

Interest payable on the securities of a series on a distribution date will include all interest accrued during the period specified in the related prospectus supplement. In the event interest accrues over a period ending two or more days prior to a distribution date, the effective yield to securityholders will be reduced from the yield that would otherwise be obtainable if interest payable on the security were to accrue through the day immediately preceding that distribution date, and the effective yield (at par) to securityholders will be less than the indicated coupon rate.

With respect to any class of accrual securities, if specified in the related prospectus supplement, any interest that has accrued but is not paid on a given distribution date will be added to the aggregate Class Security Balance of that class of securities on that distribution date. The applicable prospectus supplement may specify some other basis for these distributions, but if it does not, distributions of interest on any class of accrual securities will commence only after the occurrence of the events specified in the related prospectus supplement. Prior to that time, in the aggregate Class Security Balance of the class of accrual securities will increase on each distribution date by the amount of interest that accrued during the preceding interest accrual period but that was not required to be distributed to the class on that distribution date. Thereafter the class of accrual securities accrue interest on its outstanding Class Security Balance as so adjusted.

Distributions of Principal. The related prospectus supplement will specify the method by which the amount of principal to be distributed on the securities on each distribution date will be calculated and the manner in which the amount will be allocated among the classes of securities entitled to distributions of principal. The aggregate Class Security Balance of any class of securities entitled to distributions of principal generally will be the aggregate original Class Security Balance of the class of securities specified in the prospectus supplement,

- reduced by all distributions reported to the holders of the class of securities as allocable to principal,
- in the case of accrual securities, in general, increased by all interest accrued but not then distributable on the accrual securities;
- in the case of adjustable rate securities, subject to the effect of negative amortization, if applicable; and
- if specified in the related prospectus supplement, reduced by the amount of any losses allocated to the Class Security Balance of the class of securities.

If so provided in the related prospectus supplement, one or more classes of securities will be entitled to receive all or a disproportionate percentage of the payments of principal which are received from borrowers in advance of their scheduled due dates and are not accompanied by amounts representing scheduled interest due after the month in which the payment is made ("Principal Prepayments") in the percentages and under the circumstances or for the periods specified in the prospectus supplement. The effect of this allocation of Principal Prepayments to the class or classes of securities will be to accelerate the amortization of those securities while increasing the interests evidenced by one or more other classes of securities in the trust fund. Increasing the interests of the other classes of securities relative to that of certain securities is intended to preserve the availability of the subordination provided by the securities for which the interests have been increased. See "Credit Enhancement — Subordination."

Unscheduled Distributions. If specified in the related prospectus supplement, the securities will be subject to receipt of distributions before the next scheduled distribution date under the circumstances and in the manner described below and in the prospectus supplement. If applicable, the trustee will be required to make unscheduled distributions on the day and in the amount specified in the related prospectus supplement if, due to substantial payments of principal (including Principal Prepayments) on the Trust Fund Assets, the trustee or the master servicer determines that the funds available or anticipated to be available from the Security Account and, if applicable, any reserve fund, may be insufficient to make required distributions on the securities on that distribution date. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for limits on the amount of an unscheduled distribution, but if it does not, the amount of any unscheduled distribution that is allocable to principal will not exceed the amount that would otherwise have been required to be distributed as principal on the securities on the next distribution date. The applicable prospectus supplement may specify whether the unscheduled distribution will include interest, but if it does not, the unscheduled distributions will include interest at the applicable Pass-Through Rate (if any) or interest rate (if any) on the amount of the unscheduled distribution allocable to principal for the period and to the date specified in the prospectus supplement.

Advances

To the extent provided in the related prospectus supplement, the master servicer will be required to advance on or before each distribution date (from its own funds, funds advanced by sub-servicers or funds held in the

Security Account for future distributions to the holders of securities of the related series), an amount equal to the aggregate of payments of interest and/or principal that were delinquent on the related Determination Date (as the term is defined in the related prospectus supplement) and were not advanced by any sub-servicer, subject to the master servicer's determination that the advances may be recoverable out of late payments by borrowers, Liquidation Proceeds, Insurance Proceeds or otherwise. In the case of cooperative loans, the master servicer also may be required to advance any unpaid maintenance fees and other charges under the related proprietary leases as specified in the related prospectus supplement.

In making advances, the master servicer will endeavor to maintain a regular flow of scheduled interest and principal payments to holders of the securities, rather than to guarantee or insure against losses. If advances are made by the master servicer from cash being held for future distribution to securityholders, the master servicer will replace those funds on or before any future distribution date to the extent that funds in the applicable Security Account on the future distribution date would be less than the amount required to be available for distributions to securityholders on that distribution date. Any master servicer funds advanced will be reimbursable to the master servicer out of recoveries on the specific loans with respect to which the advances were made (e.g., late payments made by the related borrower, any related Insurance Proceeds, Liquidation Proceeds or proceeds of any loan purchased by the depositor, a sub-servicer or a seller pursuant to the related Agreement). Advances by the master servicer (and any advances by a sub-servicer) also will be reimbursable to the master servicer (or sub-servicer) from cash otherwise distributable to securityholders (including the holders of Senior securities) to the extent that the master servicer determines that the advance or advances previously made are not ultimately recoverable as described above. To the extent provided in the related prospectus supplement, the master servicer also will be obligated to make advances, to the extent recoverable out of Insurance Proceeds, Liquidation Proceeds or otherwise, in respect of certain taxes and insurance premiums not paid by borrowers on a timely basis. Funds so advanced are reimbursable to the master servicer to the extent permitted by the related Agreement. The obligations of the master servicer to make advances may be supported by a cash advance reserve fund, a surety bond or other arrangement of the type described herein under "Credit Enhancement," in each case as described in the related prospectus supplement.

In the event the master servicer or a sub-servicer fails to make a required advance, the applicable prospectus supplement may specify whether another party will have advancing obligations, but if it does not, the trustee will be obligated to make the advance in its capacity as successor servicer. If the trustee makes an advance, it will be entitled to be reimbursed for the advance to the same extent and degree as the master servicer or a sub-servicer is entitled to be reimbursed for advances. See "Description of the Securities — Distributions on Securities."

Reports to Securityholders

Prior to or concurrently with each distribution on a distribution date the master servicer or the trustee will furnish to each securityholder of record of the related series a statement setting forth, to the extent applicable to the related series of securities, among other things:

- the amount of the distribution allocable to principal, separately identifying the aggregate amount of any Principal Prepayments and if so specified in the related prospectus supplement, any applicable prepayment charges included therein;
- the amount of the distribution allocable to interest;
- the amount of any advance;
- the aggregate amount (a) otherwise allocable to the holders of Subordinate Securities on the distribution date, and (b) withdrawn from the reserve fund or the pre-funding account, if any, that is included in the amounts distributed to the Senior Securityholders;
- the outstanding principal balance or notional amount of each class of the related series after giving effect to the distribution of principal on the distribution date;

- the percentage of principal payments on the loans (excluding prepayments), if any, which each class of the related securities will be entitled to receive on the following distribution date;
- the percentage of Principal Prepayments on the loans, if any, which each class of the related securities will be entitled to receive on the following distribution date;
- the related amount of the servicing compensation retained or withdrawn from the Security Account by the master servicer, and the amount of additional servicing compensation received by the master servicer attributable to penalties, fees, excess Liquidation Proceeds and other similar charges and items;
- the number and aggregate principal balances of loans (A) delinquent (exclusive of loans in foreclosure) 1 to 30 days, 31 to 60 days, 61 to 90 days and 91 or more days and (B) in foreclosure and delinquent 1 to 30 days, 31 to 60 days, 61 to 90 days and 91 or more days, as of the close of business on the last day of the calendar month preceding the distribution date;
- the book value of any real estate acquired through foreclosure or grant of a deed in lieu of foreclosure;
- the Pass-Through Rate or interest rate, as applicable, if adjusted from the date of the last statement, of each class of the related series expected to be applicable to the next distribution to the class;
- if applicable, the amount remaining in any reserve fund or the pre-funding account at the close of business on the distribution date;
- the Pass-Through Rate or interest rate, as applicable, as of the day prior to the immediately preceding distribution date; and
- any amounts remaining under letters of credit, pool policies or other forms of credit enhancement.

Where applicable, any amount set forth above may be expressed as a dollar amount per single security of the relevant class having the percentage interest specified in the related prospectus supplement. The report to securityholders for any series of securities may include additional or other information of a similar nature to that specified above.

In addition, within a reasonable period of time after the end of each calendar year, the master servicer or the trustee will mail to each securityholder of record at any time during the related calendar year a report (a) as to the aggregate of amounts reported pursuant to the first two items above for the related calendar year or, in the event the person was a securityholder of record during a portion of that calendar year, for the applicable portion of the year and (b) other customary information as may be deemed necessary or desirable for securityholders to prepare their tax returns.

Categories of Classes of Securities

The securities of any series may be comprised of one or more classes. These classes, in general, fall into different categories. The following chart identifies and generally defines certain of the more typical categories. The prospectus supplement for a series of securities may identify the classes which comprise the related series by reference to the following categories.

Categories of Classes	Definitions
Principal Types	
Accretion Directed.....	A class that receives principal payments from the accreted interest from specified Accrual classes. An accretion directed class also may receive principal payments from principal paid on the underlying Trust Fund Assets for the related series.
Companion Class.....	A class that receives principal payments on any distribution date only if scheduled payments have been made on specified planned principal classes, targeted principal classes or scheduled principal classes.
Component Securities.....	A class consisting of “components.” The components of a class of component securities may have different principal and/or interest payment characteristics but together constitute a single class. Each component of a class of component securities may be identified as falling into one or more of the categories in this chart.
Non-Accelerated Senior or NAS	A class that, for the period of time specified in the related prospectus supplement, generally will not receive (in other words, is locked out of) (1) principal prepayments on the underlying Trust Fund Assets that are allocated disproportionately to the senior securities because of the shifting interest structure of the securities in the trust and/or (2) scheduled principal payments on the underlying Trust Fund Assets, as specified in the related prospectus supplement. During the lock-out period, the portion of the principal distributions on the underlying Trust Fund Assets that the NAS class is locked out of will be distributed to the other classes of senior securities.
Notional Amount Securities	A class having no principal balance and bearing interest on the related notional amount. The notional amount is used for purposes of the determination of interest distributions.
Planned Principal Class or PACs.....	A class that is designed to receive principal payments using a predetermined principal balance schedule derived by assuming two constant prepayment rates for the underlying Trust Fund Assets. These two rates are the endpoints for the “structuring range” for the planned principal class. The planned principal classes in any series of certificates may be subdivided into different categories (e.g., primary planned principal classes, secondary planned principal classes and so forth) having different effective structuring ranges and different principal payment priorities. The structuring range for the secondary planned principal class of a series of certificates will be narrower than that for the primary planned principal class of the series.
Scheduled Principal Class	A class that is designed to receive principal payments using a predetermined principal balance schedule but is not designated as a Planned Principal Class or Targeted Principal Class. In many cases, the schedule is derived by assuming two constant prepayment rates for the underlying Trust Fund Assets. These two rates are the endpoints for the “structuring range” for the scheduled principal class.
Sequential Pay	Classes that receive principal payments in a prescribed sequence, that do not have predetermined principal balance schedules and that under all

Categories of Classes	Definitions
	circumstances receive payments of principal continuously from the first distribution date on which they receive principal until they are retired. A single class that receives principal payments before or after all other classes in the same series of securities may be identified as a sequential pay class.
Strip	A class that receives a constant proportion, or “strip,” of the principal payments on the underlying Trust Fund Assets.
Super Senior	A class that will not bear its proportionate share of realized losses (other than excess losses) as its share is directed to another class, referred to as the “support class” until the class principal balance of the support class is reduced to zero.
Support Class	A class that absorbs the realized losses other than excess losses that would otherwise be allocated to a Super Senior Class (or would not otherwise be allocated to the Senior Class) after the related Classes of subordinate securities are no longer outstanding.
Targeted Principal Class or TACs	A class that is designed to receive principal payments using a predetermined principal balance schedule derived by assuming a single constant prepayment rate for the underlying Trust Fund Assets.

Interest Types

Fixed Rate.....	A class with an interest rate that is fixed throughout the life of the class.
Floating Rate or Adjustable Rate	A class with an interest rate that resets periodically based upon a designated index and that varies directly with changes in the index.
Inverse Floating Rate.....	A class with an interest rate that resets periodically based upon a designated index and that varies inversely with changes in the index.
Variable Rate	A class with an interest rate that resets periodically and is calculated by reference to the rate or rates of interest applicable to specified assets or instruments (e.g., the Loan Rates borne by the underlying loans).
Interest Only	A class that receives some or all of the interest payments made on the underlying Trust Fund Assets and little or no principal. Interest Only classes have either a nominal principal balance or a notional amount. A nominal principal balance represents actual principal that will be paid on the class. It is referred to as nominal since it is extremely small compared to other classes. A notional amount is the amount used as a reference to calculate the amount of interest due on an Interest Only class that is not entitled to any distributions in respect of principal.
Principal Only.....	A class that does not bear interest and is entitled to receive only distributions in respect of principal.
Partial Accrual	A class that accretes a portion of the amount of accrued interest thereon, which amount will be added to the principal balance of the class on each applicable distribution date, with the remainder of the accrued interest to be distributed currently as interest on the Partial Accrual class. This

Categories of Classes	Definitions
	accretion may continue until a specified event has occurred or until the Partial Accrual class is retired.
Accrual	A class that accretes the amount of accrued interest otherwise distributable on the Accrual class, which amount will be added as principal to the principal balance of the Accrual class on each applicable distribution date. This accretion may continue until some specified event has occurred or until the Accrual class is retired.
Callable.....	A class that is redeemable or terminable when 25% or more of the original principal balance of the mortgage loans held in the trust fund is outstanding.

Other types of securities that may be issued include classes that are entitled to receive only designated portions of the collections on the Trust Fund Assets (i.e. prepayment charges) or excess cashflow from all or designated portions of the Trust Fund Assets (sometimes referred to as “residual classes”).

Indices Applicable to Floating Rate and Inverse Floating Rate Classes

LIBOR

The applicable prospectus supplement may specify some other basis for determining LIBOR, but if it does not, on the LIBOR determination date (as defined in the related prospectus supplement) for each class of certificates of a series for which the applicable interest rate is determined by reference to an index denominated as LIBOR, the person designated in the related Pooling and Servicing Agreement as the calculation agent will determine LIBOR in accordance with one of the three methods described below (which method will be specified in the related prospectus supplement):

Bloomberg Method

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, if using this method to calculate LIBOR, the calculation agent will determine LIBOR on the basis of the rate for U.S. dollar deposits for the period specified in the prospectus supplement quoted on the Bloomberg Terminal for the related interest determination date (as defined in the related prospectus supplement). If the rate does not appear on the Bloomberg Terminal (or if this service is no longer offered, another service for displaying LIBOR or comparable rates as may be reasonably selected by the calculation agent), LIBOR for the applicable accrual period will be the Reference Bank Rate.

“Reference Bank Rate” with respect to any accrual period, means

(a) the arithmetic mean (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest whole multiple of 0.03125%) of the offered rates for United States dollar deposits for one month that are quoted by the reference banks as of 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the related interest determination date to prime banks in the London interbank market, provided that at least two reference banks provide the rate; and

(b) If fewer than two offered rates appear, the Reference Bank Rate will be the arithmetic mean (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest whole multiple of 0.03125%) of the rates quoted by one or more major banks in New York City, selected by the calculation agent, as of 11:00 a.m., New York City time, on the related interest determination date for loans in U.S. dollars to leading European banks.

Each reference bank will be a leading bank engaged in transactions in Eurodollar deposits in the international Eurocurrency market; will not control, be controlled by, or be under common control with the depositor, Countrywide Home Loans or the master servicer; and will have an established place of business in

London. If a reference bank should be unwilling or unable to act as a reference bank or if appointment of a reference bank is terminated, another leading bank meeting the criteria specified above will be appointed.

If these quotations cannot be obtained by the calculation agent and no Reference Bank Rate is available, LIBOR will be LIBOR applicable to the preceding interest accrual period.

LIBO Method

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, if using this method to calculate LIBOR, the calculation agent will determine LIBOR on the basis of the rate for U.S. dollar deposits for the period specified in the prospectus supplement that appears on Telerate Screen Page 3750 as of 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the interest determination date (as defined in the related prospectus supplement). If the rate does not appear on the Telerate Screen Page 3750 (or any page that may replace the page on that service, or if this service is no longer offered, another service for displaying LIBOR or comparable rates as may be reasonably selected by the calculation agent), LIBOR for the applicable accrual period will be the Reference Bank Rate.

BBA Method

If using this method of determining LIBOR, the calculation agent will determine LIBOR on the basis of the British Bankers' Association "Interest Settlement Rate" for one-month deposits in United States dollars as found on Telerate page 3750 as of 11:00 a.m. London time on each LIBOR determination date. Interest Settlement Rates currently are based on rates quoted by eight British Bankers' Association designated banks as being, in the view of the banks, the offered rate at which deposits are being quoted to prime banks in the London interbank market. The Interest Settlement Rates are calculated by eliminating the two highest rates and the two lowest rates, averaging the four remaining rates, carrying the result (expressed as a percentage) out to six decimal places, and rounding to five decimal places.

If on any LIBOR determination date, the calculation agent is unable to calculate LIBOR in accordance with the method set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph, LIBOR for the next interest accrual period shall be calculated in accordance with the LIBOR method described under "LIBO Method."

The establishment of LIBOR on each LIBOR determination date by the calculation agent and its calculation of the rate of interest for the applicable classes for the related interest accrual period shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding.

COFI

The Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index is designed to represent the monthly weighted average cost of funds for savings institutions in Arizona, California and Nevada that are member institutions of the Eleventh Federal Home Loan Bank District (the "Eleventh District"). The Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index for a particular month reflects the interest costs paid on all types of funds held by Eleventh District member institutions and is calculated by dividing the cost of funds by the average of the total amount of those funds outstanding at the end of that month and of the prior month and annualizing and adjusting the result to reflect the actual number of days in the particular month. If necessary, before these calculations are made, the component figures are adjusted by the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco ("FHLBSF") to neutralize the effect of events such as member institutions leaving the Eleventh District or acquiring institutions outside the Eleventh District. The Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index is weighted to reflect the relative amount of each type of funds held at the end of the relevant month. The major components of funds of Eleventh District member institutions are: savings deposits, time deposits, FHLBSF advances, repurchase agreements and all other borrowings. Because the component funds represent a variety of maturities whose costs may react in different ways to changing conditions, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index does not necessarily reflect current market rates.

A number of factors affect the performance of the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index, which may cause it to move in a manner different from indices tied to specific interest rates, such as United States Treasury bills or LIBOR. Because the liabilities upon which the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index is based were issued at

various times under various market conditions and with various maturities, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index may not necessarily reflect the prevailing market interest rates on new liabilities of similar maturities. Moreover, as stated above, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index is designed to represent the average cost of funds for Eleventh District savings institutions for the month prior to the month in which it is due to be published. Additionally, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index may not necessarily move in the same direction as market interest rates at all times, since as longer term deposits or borrowings mature and are renewed at prevailing market interest rates, the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index is influenced by the differential between the prior and the new rates on those deposits or borrowings. In addition, movements of the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index, as compared to other indices tied to specific interest rates, may be affected by changes instituted by the FHLBSF in the method used to calculate the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index.

The FHLBSF publishes the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index in its monthly Information Bulletin. Any individual may request regular receipt by mail of Information Bulletins by writing the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco, P.O. Box 7948, 600 California Street, San Francisco, California 94120, or by calling (415) 616-1000. The Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index may also be obtained by calling the FHLBSF at (415) 616-2600.

The FHLBSF has stated in its Information Bulletin that the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index for a month “will be announced on or near the last working day” of the following month and also has stated that it “cannot guarantee the announcement” of the index on an exact date. So long as the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index for a month is announced on or before the tenth day of the second following month, the interest rate for each class of securities of a series as to which the applicable interest rate is determined by reference to an index denominated as COFI (each, a class of “COFI securities”) for the Interest Accrual Period commencing in the second following month will be based on the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index for the second preceding month. If publication is delayed beyond the tenth day, the interest rate will be based on the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index for the third preceding month.

The applicable prospectus supplement may specify some other basis for determining COFI, but if it does not, then if on the tenth day of the month in which any interest accrual period commences for a class of COFI securities the most recently published Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index relates to a month before the third preceding month, the index for the current interest accrual period and for each succeeding interest accrual period will, except as described in the next to last sentence of this paragraph, be based on the National Monthly Median Cost of Funds Ratio to SAIF-Insured Institutions (the “National Cost of Funds Index”) published by the Office of Thrift Supervision (the “OTS”) for the third preceding month (or the fourth preceding month if the National Cost of Funds Index for the third preceding month has not been published on the tenth day of an interest accrual period). Information on the National Cost of Funds Index may be obtained by writing the OTS at 1700 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20552 or calling (202) 906-6677, and the current National Cost of Funds Index may be obtained by calling (202) 906-6988. If on the tenth day of the month in which an interest accrual period commences the most recently published National Cost of Funds Index relates to a month before the fourth preceding month, the applicable index for the interest accrual period and each succeeding interest accrual period will be based on LIBOR, as determined by the calculation agent in accordance with the Agreement relating to the series of certificates. A change of index from the Eleventh District Cost of Funds Index to an alternative index will result in a change in the index level and could increase its volatility, particularly if LIBOR is the alternative index.

The establishment of COFI by the calculation agent and its calculation of the rates of interest for the applicable classes for the related interest accrual period shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding.

Treasury Index

The applicable prospectus supplement may specify some other basis for determining and defining the Treasury index, but if it does not, on the Treasury index determination date for each class of securities of a series for which the applicable interest rate is determined by reference to an index denominated as a Treasury index, the calculation agent will ascertain the Treasury index for Treasury securities of the maturity and for the period (or, if applicable, date) specified in the related prospectus supplement. The Treasury index for any period means the average of the yield for each business day during the specified period (and for any date means the yield for the date), expressed as a per annum percentage rate, on U.S. Treasury securities adjusted to the “constant maturity” specified in the prospectus supplement or if no “constant maturity” is so specified, U.S. Treasury securities trading on the

secondary market having the maturity specified in the prospectus supplement, in each case as published by the Federal Reserve Board in its Statistical Release No. H.15 (519). Statistical Release No. H.15 (519) is published on Monday or Tuesday of each week and may be obtained by writing or calling the Publications Department at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 21st and C Streets, Washington, D.C. 20551 (202) 452-3244. If the calculation agent has not yet received Statistical Release No. H.15 (519) for a week, then it will use the Statistical Release from the preceding week.

Yields on U.S. Treasury securities at “constant maturity” are derived from the U.S. Treasury’s daily yield curve. This curve, which relates the yield on a security to its time to maturity, is based on the closing market bid yields on actively traded Treasury securities in the over-the-counter market. These market yields are calculated from composites of quotations reported by five leading U.S. Government securities dealers to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. This method provides a yield for a given maturity even if no security with that exact maturity is outstanding. In the event that the Treasury Index is no longer published, a new index based upon comparable data and methodology will be designated in accordance with the Agreement relating to the particular series of securities. The Calculation Agent’s determination of the Treasury Index, and its calculation of the rates of interest for the applicable classes for the related Interest Accrual Period shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding.

Prime Rate

The applicable prospectus supplement may specify the party responsible for determining the Prime Rate, but if it does not, on the Prime Rate Determination Date (as the term is defined in the related prospectus supplement) for each class of securities of a series as to which the applicable interest rate is determined by reference to an index denominated as the Prime Rate, the calculation agent will ascertain the Prime Rate for the related interest accrual period. The applicable prospectus supplement may provide for the means of determining the Prime Rate, but if it does not, the Prime Rate for an interest accrual period will be the “Prime Rate” as published in the “Money Rates” section of The Wall Street Journal (or if not so published, the “Prime Rate” as published in a newspaper of general circulation selected by the calculation agent in its sole discretion) on the related Prime Rate Determination Date. If a prime rate range is given, then the average of that range will be used. In the event that the Prime Rate is no longer published, a new index based upon comparable data and methodology will be designated in accordance with the Agreement relating to the particular series of securities. The calculation agent’s determination of the Prime Rate and its calculation of the rates of interest for the related interest accrual period shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding.

Book-Entry Registration of Securities

As described in the related prospectus supplement, if not issued in fully registered certificated form, each class of securities will be registered as book-entry certificates (the “Book-Entry Securities”). Persons acquiring beneficial ownership interests in the Book-Entry Securities (“Security Owners”) may elect to hold their Book-Entry Securities through the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) in the United States, or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Euroclear System (“Euroclear”), in Europe, if they are participants of those systems, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in those systems. Each class of the Book-Entry Securities will be issued in one or more certificates which equal the aggregate principal balance of the applicable class of the Book-Entry Securities and will initially be registered in the name of Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC. Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear will hold omnibus positions on behalf of their participants through customers’ securities accounts in Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear’s names on the books of their respective depositories which in turn will hold the positions in customers’ securities accounts in the depositories’ names on the books of DTC. Citibank, NA will act as depository for Clearstream, Luxembourg and JPMorgan Chase will act as depository for Euroclear (in those capacities, individually the “Relevant Depository” and collectively the “European Depositories”). Unless otherwise described in the related prospectus supplement, beneficial interests in the Book-Entry Securities may be held in minimum denominations representing Certificate Principal Balances of \$20,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, except that one investor of each class of Book-Entry Securities may hold a beneficial interest therein that is not an integral multiple of \$1,000. Except as described below, no person acquiring a beneficial ownership interest in a Book-Entry Security (each, a “beneficial owner”) will be entitled to receive a physical certificate representing the person’s beneficial ownership interest in the Book-Entry Security (a “Definitive Security”). Unless and until Definitive Securities are issued, it is anticipated that the only securityholders of the Book-Entry Securities will be Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. Security Owners will not be Certificateholders as

that term is used in the applicable Agreement. Security Owners are only permitted to exercise their rights indirectly through the participating organizations that utilize the services of DTC, including securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies and clearing corporations and certain other organizations (“Participants”) and DTC.

The beneficial owner’s ownership of a Book-Entry Security will be recorded on the records of the brokerage firm, bank, thrift institution or other financial intermediary (each, a “Financial Intermediary”) that maintains the beneficial owner’s account for that purpose. In turn, the Financial Intermediary’s ownership of the Book-Entry Security will be recorded on the records of DTC (or of a participating firm that acts as agent for the Financial Intermediary, whose interest will in turn be recorded on the records of DTC, if the beneficial owner’s Financial Intermediary is not a DTC Participant and on the records of Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear, as appropriate).

Security Owners will receive all distributions of principal of, and interest on, the Book-Entry Securities from the trustee through DTC and DTC Participants. While the Book-Entry Securities are outstanding (except under the circumstances described below), under the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations (the “Rules”), DTC is required to make book-entry transfers among Participants on whose behalf it acts with respect to the Book-Entry Securities and is required to receive and transmit distributions of principal of, and interest on, the Book-Entry Securities. Participants and organizations which have indirect access to the DTC system, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”), with whom Security Owners have accounts with respect to the Book-Entry Securities are similarly required to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit the distributions on behalf of their respective Security Owners. Accordingly, although Security Owners will not possess certificates, the Rules provide a mechanism by which Security Owners will receive distributions and will be able to transfer their interest.

Security Owners will not receive or be entitled to receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Book-Entry Securities, except under the limited circumstances described below. Unless and until Definitive Securities are issued, Security Owners who are not Participants may transfer ownership of the Book-Entry Securities only through Participants and Indirect Participants by instructing the Participants and Indirect Participants to transfer Book-Entry Securities, by book-entry transfer, through DTC for the account of the purchasers of the Book-Entry Securities, which account is maintained with their respective Participants. Under the Rules and in accordance with DTC’s normal procedures, transfers of ownership of Book-Entry Securities will be executed through DTC and the accounts of the respective Participants at DTC will be debited and credited. Similarly, the Participants and Indirect Participants will make debits or credits, as the case may be, on their records on behalf of the selling and purchasing Security Owners.

Because of time zone differences, credits of securities received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a Participant will be made during, subsequent securities settlement processing and dated the business day following, the DTC settlement date. These credits or any transactions in the securities received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear as a result of a transaction with a Participant, settled during the processing will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants on that following business day. Cash received in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear, as a result of sales of securities by or through a Clearstream, Luxembourg Participant or Euroclear Participant to a DTC Participant, will be received with value on the DTC settlement date but will be available in the relevant Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear cash account only as of the business day following settlement in DTC.

Transfers between Participants will occur in accordance with DTC rules. Transfers between Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants and Euroclear Participants will occur in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between persons holding securities directly or indirectly through DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants or Euroclear Participants, on the other, will be effected by DTC in accordance with DTC rules on behalf of the relevant European international clearing system by the Relevant Depositary; however, these cross market transactions will require delivery of instructions to the relevant European international clearing system by the counterparty in that system in accordance with its rules and procedures and within its established deadlines (European time). The relevant European

international clearing system will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to the Relevant Depository to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving securities in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants and Euroclear Participants may not deliver instructions directly to the European Depositories.

DTC, which is a New York-chartered limited purpose trust company, performs services for its participants, some of which (and/or their representatives) own DTC. In accordance with its normal procedures, DTC is expected to record the positions held by each DTC participant in the Book-Entry Securities, whether held for its own account or as a nominee for another person. In general, beneficial ownership of Book-Entry Securities will be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures governing DTC and DTC participants as in effect from time to time.

Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, 67 Bd Grande-Duchesse Charlotte, L-2967 Luxembourg ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), was incorporated in 1970 as "Clearstream, Luxembourg S.A." a company with limited liability under Luxembourg law (a société anonyme). Clearstream, Luxembourg S.A. subsequently changed its name to Cedelbank. On January 10, 2000, Cedelbank's parent company, Clearstream, Luxembourg International, société anonyme ("CI") merged its clearing, settlement and custody business with that of Deutsche Borse Clearing AG ("DBC"). The merger involved the transfer by CI of substantially all of its assets and liabilities (including its shares in CB) to a new Luxembourg company, New Clearstream, Luxembourg International, société anonyme ("New CI"), which is 50% owned by CI and 50% owned by DBC's parent company Deutsche Borse AG. The shareholders of these two entities are banks, securities dealers and financial institutions. Clearstream, Luxembourg International currently has 92 shareholders, including U.S. financial institutions or their subsidiaries. No single entity may own more than 5 percent of Clearstream, Luxembourg International's stock.

Further to the merger, the Board of Directors of New CI decided to re-name the companies in the group in order to give them a cohesive brand name. The new brand name that was chosen is "Clearstream" effective as of January 14, 2000. New CI has been renamed "Clearstream International, société anonyme." On January 18, 2000, Cedelbank was renamed "Clearstream Banking, société anonyme" and Clearstream, Luxembourg Global Services was renamed "Clearstream Services, société anonyme."

On January 17, 2000, DBC was renamed "Clearstream Banking AG." This means that there are now two entities in the corporate group headed by Clearstream International which share the name "Clearstream Banking," the entity previously named "Cedelbank" and the entity previously named "Deutsche Borse Clearing AG."

Clearstream, Luxembourg holds securities for its customers and facilitates the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between Clearstream, Luxembourg customers through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of Clearstream, Luxembourg customers, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates. Transactions may be settled by Clearstream, Luxembourg in any of 36 currencies, including United States Dollars. Clearstream, Luxembourg provides to its customers, among other things, services for safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Clearstream, Luxembourg also deals with domestic securities markets in over 30 countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Clearstream, Luxembourg is registered as a bank in Luxembourg and is subject to regulation by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier, "CSSF," which supervises Luxembourg banks. Clearstream, Luxembourg's customers are world-wide financial institutions including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Clearstream, Luxembourg's U.S. customers are limited to securities brokers and dealers, and banks. Currently, Clearstream, Luxembourg has approximately 2,000 customers located in over 80 countries, including all major European countries, Canada, and the United States. Indirect access to Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of Clearstream, Luxembourg. Clearstream, Luxembourg has established an electronic bridge with Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V. as the Operator of the Euroclear System (the "Euroclear Operator") in Brussels to facilitate settlement of trades between Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Euroclear Operator.

Euroclear was created in 1968 to hold securities for participants of Euroclear ("Euroclear Participants") and to clear and settle transactions between Euroclear Participants through simultaneous electronic book-entry delivery against payment, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and any risk from lack of

simultaneous transfers of securities and cash. Transactions may now be settled in any of 32 currencies, including United States dollars. Euroclear includes various other services, including securities lending and borrowing and interfaces with domestic markets in several countries generally similar to the arrangements for cross-market transfers with DTC described above. Euroclear is operated by the Brussels, Belgium office of the Euroclear Operator, under contract with Euroclear Clearance Systems S.C., a Belgian cooperative corporation (the “Cooperative”). All operations are conducted by the Euroclear Operator, and all Euroclear securities clearance accounts and Euroclear cash accounts are accounts with the Euroclear Operator, not the Cooperative. The Cooperative establishes policy for Euroclear on behalf of Euroclear Participants. Euroclear Participants include banks (including central banks), securities brokers and dealers and other professional financial intermediaries. Indirect access to Euroclear is also available to other firms that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Euroclear Participant, either directly or indirectly.

The Euroclear Operator has a banking license from the Belgian Banking and Finance Commission. This license authorizes the Euroclear Operator to carry out banking activities on a global basis.

Securities clearance accounts and cash accounts with the Euroclear Operator are governed by the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear and the related Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System and applicable Belgian law (collectively, the “Terms and Conditions”). The Terms and Conditions govern transfers of securities and cash within Euroclear, withdrawals of securities and cash from Euroclear, and receipts of payments with respect to securities in Euroclear. All securities in Euroclear are held on a fungible basis without attribution of specific certificates to specific securities clearance accounts. The Euroclear Operator acts under the Terms and Conditions only on behalf of Euroclear Participants, and has no record of or relationship with persons holding through Euroclear Participants.

Distributions on the Book-Entry Securities will be made on each Distribution Date by the trustee to DTC. DTC will be responsible for crediting the amount of payments on Book-Entry Securities to the accounts of the applicable DTC participants in accordance with DTC’s normal procedures. Each DTC participant will be responsible for disbursing the payments to the beneficial owners of the Book-Entry Securities that it represents and to each Financial Intermediary for which it acts as agent. Each Financial Intermediary will be responsible for disbursing funds to the beneficial owners of the Book-Entry Securities that it represents.

Under a book-entry format, beneficial owners of the Book-Entry Securities may experience some delay in their receipt of payments, since the payments will be forwarded by the trustee to Cede & Co. Distributions with respect to Book-Entry Securities held through Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear will be credited to the cash accounts of Clearstream, Luxembourg Participants or Euroclear Participants in accordance with the relevant system’s rules and procedures, to the extent received by the Relevant Depository. These distributions will be subject to tax reporting in accordance with relevant United States tax laws and regulations. See “Material Federal Income Tax Consequences — Tax Treatment of Foreign Investors” and “— Tax Consequences to Holders of the Notes — Backup Withholding” herein. Because DTC can only act on behalf of Financial Intermediaries, the ability of a beneficial owner to pledge Book-Entry Securities to persons or entities that do not participate in the depository system, or otherwise take actions in respect of Book-Entry Securities, may be limited due to the lack of physical certificates for the Book-Entry Securities. In addition, issuance of the Book-Entry Securities in book-entry form may reduce the liquidity of the securities in the secondary market since certain potential investors may be unwilling to purchase securities for which they cannot obtain physical certificates.

Monthly and annual reports on the Trust provided to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, may be made available to beneficial owners upon request, in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC or the Depository, and to the Financial Intermediaries to whose DTC accounts the Book-Entry Securities of the beneficial owners are credited.

DTC has advised the trustee that, unless and until Definitive Securities are issued, DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by the holders of the Book-Entry Securities under the applicable Agreement only at the direction of one or more Financial Intermediaries to whose DTC accounts the Book-Entry Securities are credited, to the extent that those actions are taken on behalf of Financial Intermediaries whose holdings include those Book-Entry Securities. Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Euroclear Operator, as the case may be, will take any other action permitted to be taken by a holder of a Book-Entry Security under the applicable Agreement on behalf of a